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**Special Agenda
City of Vernon
Green Vernon Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 3:30 P.M.
Council Chamber
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, California**



*David Honda, Chairperson
Michael Gavina, Vice Chairperson
Hector Garcia, Commission Member
Jim Andreoli Jr., Commission Member
Peter Corselli, Commission Member
Armando Espinoza, Commission Member
Jaime Villanueva, Commission Member*

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - At this time the public is encouraged to address the Green Vernon 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 Commission deliberation on those specific matters.

MINUTES

1. [Minutes of the Regular Green Vernon Commission Meeting held December 16, 2015.](#)

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NEW BUSINESS

2. [Adopt a Resolution of the Green Vernon Commission of the City of Vernon adopting a work plan and budget for fiscal year 2016-2017](#)

Recommendations:

- A. Find that approval of the proposed work plan and budget are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because they are general policy and procedure making activities and government fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore do not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, and that even if they were, they would be exempt from CEQA under Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment.
- B. Adopt a resolution approving the proposed work plan and request for budget authorization of \$20,000 for the Green Vernon Commission for fiscal year 2016-2017, and direct staff to submit said plan and budget to the City Council for review and approval.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

ORAL REPORTS

3. 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 24 hours prior to the meeting set forth on this agenda. Dated this 3rd day of March, 2016.

By: _____
Maria E. Ayala, CMC
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GREEN VERNON
COMMISSION MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 16, 2015, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
CITY HALL LOCATED AT 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE,
VERNON, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Honda, Michael Gavina, Peter Corselli, and Hector Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Andreoli Jr., Armando Espinoza and Jaime Villanueva

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Chairperson Honda; Vice Chairperson Gavina led the flag salute.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chairperson Honda announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Honda 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.

There was no public comment.

MINUTES – TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

1. Minutes of the Regular Green Vernon Commission Meeting held June 17, 2015.

It was moved by Corselli and seconded by Garcia to approve the June 17, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

2. Presentation on AB 1826 "Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling".

Recommendation:

- A. Find that merely presenting and requesting comments or directing staff are not final actions subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and that even if they were, they would be exempt from CEQA under Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment

- B. Presentation by Eugene Tseng on the recently adopted Assembly Bill 1826 “Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling”, and requesting comments or direction from the Commission.

Consultant Eugene Tseng conducted the presentation. In response to Commissioner Corselli, Tseng explained the diversion and recycling process for organic waste.

In response to Vice Chairperson Gavina, Eugene explained the City’s obligations and reported on its current efforts.

Chairperson Honda inquired as to whether the City would have a recycling facility. Both Tseng and Director of Health and Environmental Control Department Leonard Grossberg acknowledged the need for more facilities.

Grossberg reported on the City’s next steps concerning AB 1826.

ORAL REPORTS

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

Director of Health and Environmental Control Department Leonard Grossberg provided an update concerning the closure of Exide Technologies. Information on preparing for El Niño is available on the City’s website.

Commissioner Garcia provided an update on AQMD Rule 415.

4. Next regular meeting: March 16, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Director of Health and Environmental Control Leonard Grossberg announced that due to scheduling conflicts the regular meeting noted above will need to be cancelled. The Commission was in agreement with the cancellation of the March 16, 2016 meeting and agreed call a special if the need arose.

With no further business, at 3:55 p.m. it was moved by Corselli and seconded by Garcia to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.

David Honda
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala, CMC
Secretary

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STAFF REPORT

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

DATE: March 9, 2016

TO: Green Vernon Commission

FROM:  Leonard Grossberg, Director / Health Officer

RE: Adopting the Green Vernon Commission Work Plan and Budget for FY 2016-2017

It is recommended that the Green Vernon Commission:

1. Find that approval of the proposed work plan and budget are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because they are general policy and procedure making activities and government fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore do not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378, and that even if they were, they would be exempt from CEQA under Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the proposed work plan and request for budget authorization of \$20,000 for the Green Vernon Commission for fiscal year 2016-2017, and direct staff to submit said plan and budget to the City Council for review and approval.

Background:

Vernon Municipal Code § 2.149(b) directs the Green Vernon Commission to prepare an annual work plan and request for budget authorization for review and approval by the City Council. The work plan should outline the goals and focus of the Commission for the upcoming year.

Proposed Work Plan

Begin work on the following tasks:

1. Make recommendations to City Council regarding sustainability and energy efficiency standards to be considered as part of the City's review process for conditional use permits and variances.
2. Develop tools and programs to educate Vernon's residents, communities, surrounding areas and businesses on sustainability related goals and successes.
3. Explore alternative technology projects.
4. Develop programs or methods to provide environmental compliance assistance to businesses and residents that focus on the following:
 - a. Reduction in generation of solid waste streams.
 - b. Reduction in use of hazardous materials.
 - c. Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (carbon footprint).
5. Explore funding assistance programs and partnerships for new technologies (i.e. "Sustainable Incubator to Convert Trash to Cash").
6. Promote green business development.
7. Explore tree planting/beautification projects.

Budget

Currently, staff proposes that the FY 2016-2017 draft budget include \$20,000 for Green Vernon Commission related matters such as costs relating to meeting stipends, education, travel and training for the seven commissioners and Health Department staff.

Once the Green Vernon Commission approves a work plan and budget, staff will forward the Green Vernon Commission recommendations to the City Council for review and approval.

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RESOLUTION NO. GVC-

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREEN VERNON COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF VERNON ADOPTING A WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2011, the City Council of the City of Vernon adopted Ordinance No. 1188 establishing a Sustainable Development and Energy Efficiency Commission in the City of Vernon; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2014, the City Council of the City of Vernon adopted Ordinance No. 1222 to rename the "Sustainable Development and Energy Efficiency Commission" the "Green Vernon Commission" (the "Commission") and to amend various provisions of the Vernon City Code regarding the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2015, the Commission adopted Resolution No. GVC-1 adopting a work plan and budget for fiscal year 2015-2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XIX, Section 2.149, Powers and Duties, of the Vernon City Code, the Commission is required to adopt a work plan and budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREEN VERNON COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VERNON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Green Vernon Commission hereby finds and determines that the above recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2: The Green Vernon Commission finds that approval of the proposed work plan and budget are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because they are general policy and procedure making activities and government fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes

in the environment, and therefore do not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378, and that even if they were, they would be exempt from CEQA under Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment.

SECTION 3: The Green Vernon Commission hereby adopts the work plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4: The Green Vernon Commission hereby recommends that the City Council include \$20,000 in the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget for Commission related matters, in the manner set forth in Exhibit B to this Resolution.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of the Commission shall certify to the passage, approval and adoption of this Resolution, and the Secretary shall cause this Resolution and the Secretary's certification to be entered in the File of Resolutions of the Commission.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2016.

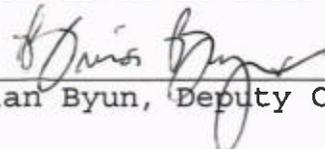
Name: _____

Title: Chairman / Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brian Byun, Deputy City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, Maria E. Ayala, Secretary of the Green Vernon Commission of the City of Vernon, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. GVC-___, was duly passed, approved and adopted by the Green Vernon Commission of the City of Vernon at a special meeting of the Commission duly held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, and thereafter was duly signed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Commission.

Executed this ____ day of March, 2016, at Vernon, California.

Maria E. Ayala, Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Work Plan

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EXHIBIT B

Proposed Budget for the Green Vernon Commission

2016-2017

Travel	\$5,000
Training	\$5,000
Stipend	\$5,000
Misc.	\$5,000