

**MINUTES
VERNON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ybarra called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ybarra led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Melissa Ybarra, Mayor
Leticia Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem
William Davis, Council Member
Carol Menke, Council Member
Diana Gonzales, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Fandino, City Administrator
Zaynah Moussa, Senior Deputy City Attorney
Lisa Pope, City Clerk
Scott Williams, Finance Director
Jim Enriquez, Interim Fire Chief
Michael Earl, Human Resources Director
Anthony Miranda, Police Chief
Abraham Alemu, Public Utilities General Manager
Dan Wall, Public Works Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Menke pulled Item 1 from the Consent Calendar.

- 1. Public Utilities**
Purchase Contract with Rolls Wood Group for the Inspection and Evaluation of the H. Gonzales 571K Gas Turbine Unit 1
Recommendation:
A. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because purchasing vehicles is an 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 §15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment; and B. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute a purchase contract in the amount of \$65,100 with Rolls Wood Group to disassemble, clean, and inspect the damage to H. Gonzales 571K Gas Turbine Unit 1.

Public Utilities General Manager Alemu presented the staff report.

In response to Council questions, Public Utilities General Manager Alemu discussed the anticipated outage for diagnosis and indicated the necessary fix will be presented to the Council. City Administrator Fandino explained the age and usage of the turbines and that the units were bid on ISO.

MOTION

Council Member Menke moved and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded a motion to: A. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because purchasing vehicles is an 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 §15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment; and B. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute a purchase contract in the amount of \$65,100 with Rolls Wood Group to disassemble, clean, and inspect the damage to H. Gonzales 571K Gas Turbine Unit 1. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Ybarra recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 9:13 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
One Matter
- 3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT / PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: Interim City Attorney

RECONVENE

At 2:14 p.m., Mayor Ybarra adjourned Closed Session and reconvened the special meeting.

City Administrator Fandino reported that City Council met in closed session and discussed both items listed on the agenda. In regard to Item 2, on a motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Mayor Ybarra, and unanimously approved, a separation agreement with Hema Patel, former

City Attorney. In regard to Item 3, on a motion by Council Member Menke, seconded by Mayor Ybarra, and unanimously approved, directed the City Administrator, on behalf of the Council, to negotiate the terms of an agreement with Arnold Alvarez-Glasman of Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin to serve as Interim City Attorney for an initial term of three months.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ybarra adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

MELISSA YBARRA, Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA POPE, City Clerk
(seal)