

**MINUTES
VERNON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021
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
William Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Leticia Lopez, Council Member
Crystal Larios, Council Member
Judith Merlo, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Fandino, City Administrator (via remote access)
Zaynah Moussa, Interim City Attorney
Lisa Pope, City Clerk
Scott Williams, Finance Director
Abraham Alemu, Public Utilities General Manager
Michael Earl, Human Resources Director
Fredrick Agyin, Health and Environmental Control Director
Robert Sousa, Police Chief
Dan Wall, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Mayor Pro Tem Davis moved and Council Member Lopez seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING**1. Transmission Revenue Requirement and Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment for 2022**

Recommendation: A. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-32 adopting a revised Transmission Revenue Requirement for 2022 in accordance with Vernon's Transmission Owner Tariff and providing for Tariff Sheet changes to implement the adjustment; and B. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-33 establishing a Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment for 2022 in accordance with Vernon's Transmission Owner Tariff and providing for Tariff Sheet changes to implement the adjustment.

Public Utilities General Manager Alemu presented the staff report.

Mayor Ybarra opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Mayor Ybarra closed the public hearing.

MOTION

Council Member Lopez moved and Mayor Pro Tem Davis seconded a motion to: A. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-32 adopting a revised Transmission Revenue Requirement for 2022 in accordance with Vernon's Transmission Owner Tariff and providing for Tariff Sheet changes to implement the adjustment; and B. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-33 establishing a Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment for 2022 in accordance with Vernon's Transmission Owner Tariff and providing for Tariff Sheet changes to implement the adjustment. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR**MOTION**

Mayor Pro Tem Davis moved and Council Member Larios seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

2. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the October 5, 2021 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

3. Claims Against the City

Recommendation: Receive and file the claim submitted by the Law Offices of Robert B. Sarvian on behalf of Sebastian Pedro Juan in an undetermined amount.

4. Operating Account Warrant Register

Recommendation: Approve Operating Account Warrant Register No. 75, for the period of September 19 through October 2, 2021, totaling \$7,432,180.42 and consisting of ratification of electronic payments totaling \$7,148,827.84 and ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$283,352.58.

5. City Payroll Warrant Register

Recommendation: Approve City Payroll Warrant Register No. 784, for the period of September 1 through September 30, 2021, totaling \$2,376,851.73 and consisting of ratification of direct deposits, checks and taxes totaling \$1,541,993.98 and ratification of checks and electronic fund transfers (EFT) for payroll related disbursements totaling

- \$834,857.75 paid through operating bank account.
6. **Fire Department Activity Report**
Recommendation: Receive and file the August 2021 Fire Department Activity Report.
 7. **Police Department Activity Report**
Recommendation: Receive and file the August 2021 Police Department Activity Report.
 8. **City of Vernon Public Utilities Department Utility Security Plan**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-34 approving a Utility Security Plan for Vernon Public Utilities.
 9. **Purchase Contract with Merrimac Energy Group to Procure Fuel**
Recommendation: Approve and authorize the issuance of a Purchase Contract with Merrimac Energy Group in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 to procure fuel for Citywide fleet for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
 10. **Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement with Mariposa Landscapes, Inc. (Mariposa) for Ground Maintenance Services**
Recommendation: Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement with Mariposa, in substantially the same form as submitted, for grounds maintenance services, extending the contract termination date to December 30, 2021 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,175.84.
 11. **Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement with Priority Building Services, LLC (Priority) for Janitorial Services**
Recommendation: Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement with Priority, in substantially the same form as submitted, for janitorial services, extending the termination date to December 30, 2021 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,639.

NEW BUSINESS

12. **Resource Adequacy Plan for 2022**
Recommendation: A. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-35 approving and adopting the Vernon Public Utilities Department Resource Adequacy Plan for 2022, which includes the coincident peak Demand Forecast, the Planning Reserve Margin, the Qualifying Capacity Criteria and the Qualifying Capacity from such resources, City's Resource Adequacy and Supply Data and approving the resources used to satisfy the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) tariff requirements; and B. Authorize staff to submit the City of Vernon Public Utilities Department's Resource Adequacy Plan for 2022 and the Monthly Resource Adequacy and Supply Data to the CAISO.

Public Utilities General Manager Alemu presented the staff report.

MOTION

Council Member Lopez moved and Council Member Merlo seconded a motion to: A. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-35 approving and adopting the Vernon Public Utilities Department Resource Adequacy Plan for 2022, which includes the coincident peak Demand Forecast, the Planning Reserve Margin, the Qualifying Capacity Criteria and the Qualifying Capacity from such resources, City's Resource Adequacy and Supply Data and approving the resources used to satisfy the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) tariff requirements; and B. Authorize staff to submit the City of Vernon Public

Utilities Department's Resource Adequacy Plan for 2022 and the Monthly Resource Adequacy and Supply Data to the CAISO. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

ORAL REPORTS

City Administrator Reports on Activities and other Announcements.

City Administrator Fandino reported on recent police activities, Great California Shakeout, COVID-19 vaccines, Halloween Spooktacular, and Southern California Curling Center Halloween Event.

City Council Reports on Activities (including AB1234), Announcements, or Directives to Staff.

None.

RECESS

Mayor Ybarra recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 9:19 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

13. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Malburg Generating Station, 2715 East 50th Street, Vernon, California

Agency negotiator: Carlos Fandino, City Administrator

Negotiating parties: Bicent (California) Malburg LLC

Under negotiation: Consideration of Price and Terms of Payment

14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (2)

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Jerry Chavez v. City of Vernon

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC719460

Ismael Martines v. City of Vernon, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV21341

15. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: City Attorney / Interim City Attorney

RECONVENE

At 10:12 a.m., Mayor Ybarra adjourned Closed Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Interim City Attorney Moussa reported that the Council met in Closed Session and authorized the City Attorney’s Office to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for outside legal services under Item 15 - Public Employment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ybarra adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

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MELISSA YBARRA, Mayor

ATTEST:
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Lisa Pope
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LISA POPE, City Clerk
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