

**MINUTES
VERNON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021
REMOTE LOCATION VIA ZOOM**

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 (via remote Access)
William Davis, Mayor Pro Tem (via remote access)
Leticia Lopez, Council Member (via remote access)
Crystal Larios, Council Member (via remote access)
Judith Merlo, Council Member (arrived at 9:04 a.m. via remote access)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Council Member Larios moved and Council Member Lopez seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Council Member Merlo absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Council Member Merlo arrived via remote access at 9:04 a.m.

RECESS

Mayor Ybarra recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 9:04 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION -

Significant exposure to litigation –

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of potential cases: 1

RECONVENE

At 9:41 a.m., Mayor Ybarra adjourned Closed Session and reconvened the special meeting.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Interim City Attorney Moussa reported that the Council met in Closed Session, discussed the items on the agenda and took no reportable action.

NEW BUSINESS

3. 2021 and 2022 Series Electric Revenue Bonds

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-43 authorizing and approving the issuance of Electric System Revenue Bonds to finance the acquisition of the Malburg Generating Station and related assets and to refund certain Electric System Revenue Bonds; approving the supplemental indentures of trust pursuant to which such bonds are to be issued; approving a disclosure document, a contract of purchase, a forward delivery purchase contract, continuing disclosure agreements and other documents in connection with such bonds; and authorizing certain other matters relating thereto.

Finance Director Williams presented the staff report.

In response to Council questions, Finance Director Williams explained the current bond rates.

MOTION

Council Member Lopez moved and Council Member Larios seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-43 authorizing and approving the issuance of Electric System Revenue Bonds to finance the acquisition of the Malburg Generating Station and related assets and to refund certain Electric System Revenue Bonds; approving the supplemental indentures of trust pursuant to which such bonds are to be issued; approving a disclosure

document, a contract of purchase, a forward delivery purchase contract, continuing disclosure agreements and other documents in connection with such bonds; and authorizing certain other matters relating thereto. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Insurance Placements for Malburg Generating Station (MGS)

Recommendation: Approve the procurement of necessary insurance coverage for MGS for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 effective December 15, 2021 to June 30, 2022 with total premiums estimated at approximately \$1,500,000 and not-to-exceed \$1,700,000, and authorize the City Administrator to execute any and all related documents.

Finance Director Williams presented the staff report.

MOTION

Council Member Larios moved and Council Member Lopez seconded a motion to approve the procurement of necessary insurance coverage for MGS for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 effective December 15, 2021 to June 30, 2022 with total premiums estimated at approximately \$1,500,000 and not-to-exceed \$1,700,000, and authorize the City Administrator to execute any and all related documents. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Amendment to Classification and Compensation Plan

Recommendation: A. Approve new or revised job descriptions for Control Room Operator I (new); Control Room Operator II (revised); Control Room Operator, Senior (revised); Field Operator I (new); Field Operator II (revised); Instrument and Controls Technician (revised); Instrument and Controls Technician, Lead (new); Mechanic/Welder (revised); Mechanic, Lead (revised); Plant Engineer (revised); Site Safety Administrator/Control Room Operator (revised); Utilities Administrative Analyst (new); and Utilities Operations Manager (revised); and B. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-44 amending Exhibit A of the Classification and Compensation Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 2021-16, as amended by Resolution Nos. 2021-27, 2021-37 and 2021-42, approving new or revised salary ranges and position designations for the above referenced classifications, Human Resources Analyst, and Operations Manager.

Human Resources Director Earl presented the staff report.

In response to Council questions, Human Resources Director Earl explained the adjustment in salaries to compensate for the prior overtime practices.

MOTION

Council Member Lopez moved and Council Member Merlo seconded a motion to: A. Approve new or revised job descriptions for Control Room Operator I (new); Control Room Operator II (revised); Control Room Operator, Senior (revised); Field Operator I (new); Field Operator II (revised); Instrument and Controls Technician (revised); Instrument and Controls Technician, Lead (new); Mechanic/Welder (revised); Mechanic, Lead (revised); Plant Engineer (revised); Site Safety Administrator/Control Room Operator (revised); Utilities Administrative Analyst (new); and Utilities Operations

Manager (revised); and B. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-44 amending Exhibit A of the Classification and Compensation Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 2021-16, as amended by Resolution Nos. 2021-27, 2021-37 and 2021-42, approving new or revised salary ranges and position designations for the above referenced classifications, Human Resources Analyst, and Operations Manager. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

ORAL REPORTS

City Administrator Reports on Activities and other Announcements.

City Administrator Fandino announced the Vernon City Elementary School tree delivery on November 30, 2021 and Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2, 2021.

City Council Reports on Activities (including AB 1234), Announcements, or Directives to Staff.

Mayor Ybarra reported on her attendance at Supervisor Solis' Gobble Gobble event on November 20, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ybarra adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

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MELISSA YBARRA, Mayor

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LISA POPE, City Clerk
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