

**MINUTES
VERNON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021
REMOTE LOCATION VIA ZOOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ybarra called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Ybarra led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Melissa Ybarra, Mayor (via remote access)
William Davis, Mayor Pro Tem (arrived at 8:51 a.m. via remote access)
Leticia Lopez, Council Member (via remote access)
Judith Merlo, Council Member (via remote access)

ABSENT: Crystal Larios, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Fandino, City Administrator (via remote access)
Angela Kimmey, Acting Deputy 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 Merlo moved and Council Member Lopez seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Council Member Larios absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Permanent Local Housing Allocation Application to the Department of Housing and Community Development

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-45 approving and authorizing the submittal of a Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and adopting the PLHA plan for the Permanent Local Housing Program.

Public Works Director Wall presented the staff report.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Davis arrived at 8:51 a.m. via remote access

MOTION

Council Member Lopez moved and Mayor Ybarra seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-45 approving and authorizing the submittal of a Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and adopting the PLHA plan for the Permanent Local Housing Program. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Council Member Larios absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

Mayor Pro Tem Davis moved and Council Member Lopez seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Council Member Larios absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following item:

2. Labor and Materials Contract with Nalco Company LLC

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute a Labor and Materials Contract with Nalco Company LLC, in substantially the same form as submitted, to provide water treatment chemicals and equipment necessary to sustain reliable operation of the Malburg Generating Station for a six-month term, in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Amendment No. 1 to the Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for Environmental Compliance Support Services

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Jacobs), in substantially the same form as submitted, to amend the scope of work for as-needed environmental

compliance support services and increase the agreement value by an additional \$404,909, for a grand total not-to-exceed amount of \$744,822.

Public Utilities General Manager Alemu presented the staff report.

MOTION

Council Member Lopez moved and Council Member Merlo seconded a motion approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Jacobs), in substantially the same form as submitted, to amend the scope of work for as-needed environmental compliance support services and increase the agreement value by an additional \$404,909, for a grand total not-to-exceed amount of \$744,822. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Council Member Larios absent.

ORAL REPORTS

City Administrator Reports on Activities and other Announcements.

City Administrator Fandino announced that redistricting resulted in Supervisor Hahn being the new supervisor assigned to Vernon. He discussed the City's participation in the City of Huntington Park parade on December 11, 2021, and Police Department soccer ball giveaway on December 14, 2021. He announced upcoming events including Operation Santa, Rio Hondo Rotary luncheon, Employee Recognition and holiday celebration and the Dodgers Dreamfield Groundbreaking Ceremony in Maywood. He highlighted the official transfer of ownership of the Malburg Generating Station and ceremony on December 15, at 11 a.m. and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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

Mayor Ybarra requested the City present a certificate to Supervisor Solis for her service to the City. The Council concurred.

RECESS

Mayor Ybarra recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 8:59 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

4. 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

5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation

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Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Number of potential cases: 1

RECONVENE

At 9:19 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ybarra adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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Melissa Ybarra

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MELISSA YBARRA, Mayor

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Lisa Pope

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LISA POPE, City Clerk
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