

**MINUTES
VERNON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022
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 (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 Lopez moved and Mayor Pro Tem Davis seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation on Pension Obligation Bonds - Workshop I

Recommendation: No action required by City Council. This is a presentation only.

Finance Director Williams and Ira Summer, GovInvest, presented a PowerPoint on Pension Obligation Bonds.

2. City Administrator Report

Recommendation: Receive presentation on:

- New Business Welcome
- Vernon Business in the News
- Joint Tax Sharing Agreement
- Malburg Generating Station (MGS) Transition
- Community Outreach

City Administrator Fandino deferred the presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Ybarra pulled Item No. 9.

MOTION

Council Member Larios moved and Council Member Merlo seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item No. 9. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

3. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the January 18, 2022 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

4. Operating Account Warrant Register

Recommendation: Approve Operating Account Warrant Register No. 80, for the period of January 2 through January 15, 2022, totaling \$1,981,387.54 and consisting of ratification of electronic payments totaling \$1,764,276.23 and ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$217,111.31.

5. Redevelopment Agency Obligation Retirement Account Warrant Register

Recommendation: Approve Redevelopment Agency Obligation Retirement Account Warrant Register No. 63, for the period of November 21 through January 15, 2022 and consisting of ratification of electronic payments totaling \$7,000.00.

6. Recodification of City of Vernon Municipal Code

Recommendation: Waive full reading, conduct second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1277 adopting the 2021 Recodified and Republished Vernon Municipal Code.

- 7. Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance**
Recommendation: Waive full reading, conduct second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1278 adding Chapter 8.14 to the Vernon Municipal Code to regulate mandatory organic waste disposal reduction.
- 8. Public Works Department Monthly Report**
Recommendation: Receive and file the December 2021 Building Report.
- 10. Agreement Accepting the Assignment of the Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Commercial Solid Waste Collection**
Recommendation: Approve and authorize the agreement accepting the assignment of the non-exclusive franchise agreement for commercial solid waste collection of CalMet, Inc. / Metropolitan Waste Disposal, between the City of Vernon, CalMet, Inc. / Metropolitan Waste Disposal, and Arakelian Enterprises, Inc. DBA Athens Services.
- 11. Supplemental to Purchase Contract LP-0663 with Cintas Rental Service**
Recommendation: Approve and authorize a Supplemental to Purchase Contract LP-0663 with Cintas Uniform Rental Service, for uniform rental and laundering services, increasing the contract value by an additional \$20,000, for a grand total not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.
- 12. Amendment No. 2 to the Services Agreement with Metropolitan Los Angeles/Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA (YMCA)**
Recommendation: Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Services Agreement with the YMCA for community based wellness programming, in substantially the same form as submitted, to extend the term for one additional year, effective February 4, 2022 through February 3, 2023, with all other terms remaining the same.
- 13. Replacement of Vernon Public Utilities Vehicles**
Recommendation: Approve and authorize the issuance of a purchase order to National Auto Fleet Group for one (1) 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning Pro and one (1) 2022 Ford F-150 XLT through the Sourcewell Master Vehicle Contract (091521-NAF) for a total cost of \$123,594.52.
- 14. Contracts with Central Square Software Systems**
Recommendation: A. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute a new IQ Subscription and User End Agreement with Central Square Software Systems (Central Square) in an amount not-to-exceed \$14,816.75 for a term of three years; B. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute a new Software Support Agreement with Central Square in an amount not-to-exceed \$225,283.17 for a term of three years; C. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute the Change Order to IT-0129 and Completion Report for work and training completed by Central Square; and D. Approve \$36,155 in additional funds for future contracts with Central Square, and authorize the City Administrator to execute additional contracts with Central Square, with substantially the same or similar terms as other agreements submitted herewith for approval, for the provision of additional Software Support Services as may be necessary for the Vernon Police Department (VPD).

The following item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration:

- 9. Amendment No. 2 to the Services Agreement with The Arroyo Group**
Recommendation: A. Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because it is a continuing fiscal and administrative activity that will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. One of the outcomes of the proposed action is to develop a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for potential project(s), and any required environmental impact analysis will be conducted at the appropriate project phase; and B. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Services Agreement between the City of Vernon and The Arroyo Group, in substantially the same form as submitted, for the preparation of the Mixed-Use Specific Plan and Program EIR and the preparation of the General Plan and Housing Element Updates for a not-to-exceed amount of \$93,000.

In response to Mayor Ybarra, Public Works Director Wall explained that the additional scope was not initially anticipated.

MOTION

Council Member Lopez moved and Mayor Pro Tem Davis seconded a motion to: A. Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because it is a continuing fiscal and administrative activity that will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. One of the outcomes of the proposed action is to develop a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for potential project(s), and any required environmental impact analysis will be conducted at the appropriate project phase; and B. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Services Agreement between the City of Vernon and The Arroyo Group, in substantially the same form as submitted, for the preparation of the Mixed-Use Specific Plan and Program EIR and the preparation of the General Plan and Housing Element Updates for a not-to-exceed amount of \$93,000. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Regulations of Sidewalk Vending

Recommendation: A. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because there is no possibility that regulation of sidewalk vending will have a significant effect on the environment; B. Waive full reading and introduce and conduct first reading of Ordinance No. 1276 adding Chapter 12.10 - Sidewalk Vending to Title 12 - Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places of the Municipal Code; and C. Direct staff to schedule second reading and adoption for the February 15, 2022 City Council meeting.

Public Works Director Wall presented the staff report.

MOTION

Council Member Lopez moved and Mayor Pro Tem Davis seconded a motion to: A. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because there is no possibility that regulation of sidewalk vending will have a significant effect on the environment; B. Waive full reading and introduce and conduct first reading of Ordinance No. 1276 adding Chapter 12.10 - Sidewalk Vending to Title 12 - Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places of the Municipal Code; and C. Direct staff to schedule second reading and adoption for the February 15, 2022 City Council meeting. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

16. Amendment to Classification and Compensation Plan

Recommendation: A. Approve revised job description for Police Officer Recruit; and B. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-02 amending Exhibit A of the Classification and Compensation Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 2021-16, as amended by Resolution Nos. 2021-27, 2021-37, 2021-42 and 2021-44 approving revised salary range and position designation for the above referenced classification.

Human Resources Director Earl presented the staff report.

MOTION

Council Member Larios moved and Council Member Merlo seconded a motion to: A. Approve revised job description for Police Officer Recruit; and B. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-02 amending Exhibit A of the Classification and Compensation Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 2021-16, as amended by Resolution Nos. 2021-27, 2021-37, 2021-42 and 2021-44 approving revised salary range and position designation for the above referenced classification. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

17. At-Will Employment Agreement for Deputy City Administrator

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute an At-Will Employment Agreement for the Appointment of Angela P. Kimmey to Deputy City Administrator, in substantially the same form as submitted, with an effective date of January 31, 2022.

Human Resources Director Earl presented the staff report.

MOTION

Mayor Pro Tem Davis moved and Council Member Larios seconded a motion to approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute an At-Will Employment Agreement for the Appointment of Angela P. Kimmey to Deputy City Administrator, in substantially the same form as submitted, with an effective date of January 31, 2022. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

ORAL REPORTS

City Administrator Reports on Activities and other Announcements.

City Administrator Fandino announced the virtual MGS Town Hall meeting on February 9, 2022, 11:30 a.m. and that he would be attending the League of California Cities City Manager's Conference.

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

Council Member Larios reported that she attended the virtual League of California Cities New Mayors and Council Members Academy at a cost of \$250 from the City Council budget.

RECESS

Mayor Ybarra recessed the meeting at 10:11 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:19 a.m. and Mayor Ybarra recessed to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

18. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54957
Position: Interim City Attorney

19. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: City Attorney / Interim City Attorney

RECONVENE

At 11:23 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, discussed the items on the agenda, and directed staff to engage an executive search firm for appointment of an in-house City Attorney.

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ybarra adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

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Melissa Ybarra

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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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