

**MINUTES
VERNON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lopez led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Leticia Lopez, Mayor (via remote access)
Crystal Larios, Mayor Pro Tem
Judith Merlo, Council Member
Melissa Ybarra, Council Member

ABSENT:

William Davis, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Fandino, City Administrator
Angela Kimmey, Deputy City Administrator
Zaynah Moussa, City Attorney
Lisa Pope, City Clerk
Scott Williams, Finance Director
Fredrick Agyin, Health and Environmental Control Director
Michael Earl, Human Resources Director
Robert Sousa, Police Chief
Dan Wall, Public Works Director
Todd Dusenberry, Acting Public Utilities General Manager

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS**1. Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - Public Review**

Recommendation: Receive presentation on the draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

City Clerk Pope and Aaron Pfannenstiel, Atlas Planning Solutions, AICP, presented the report.

CONSENT CALENDAR**MOTION**

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

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

2. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the August 16, 2022 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

3. Conduct of Meetings via Teleconference Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

Recommendation: Ratify the findings in Resolution No. 2021-36 authorizing continued conduct of City Council and all other City legislative body meetings via teleconference, in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), due to continued public health and safety concerns caused by COVID-19.

4. Operating Account Warrant Register

Recommendation: Approve Operating Account Warrant Register No. 93, for the period of July 31 through August 13, 2022, totaling \$4,065,091.84 and consisting of ratification of electronic payments totaling \$3,585,565.02 and ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$479,526.82.

5. Public Works Department Monthly Report

Recommendation: Receive and file the July 2022 Building Report.

6. Supplemental to Blanket Purchase Contract LP-0723 with Siemens Energy, Inc.

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), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment. This action receives and files an update to the City's plan for the implementation of preventative strategies and mitigation measures to minimize the risk of wildfires caused by electrical lines and equipment; this action does not authorize any construction activity or any disturbance of an environmental resource, and has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and B. Approve the Vernon Public Utilities 2022 Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

- 7. Ratification of Police Department Vehicle Purchase from National Auto Fleet Group**
Recommendation: Ratify the City Administrator's approval to purchase a Police Department Vehicle (2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle) from National Auto Fleet Group for a total not to exceed \$63,000.
- 8. Report on Purchases Secured by the City Administrator for the Spring 2022 Malburg Generating Station (MGS) Outage**
Recommendation: Receive and file.
- 9. Report on Emergency Purchase Secured by the City Administrator**
Recommendation: Receive and file.

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. 2022 League of California Cities Bylaws Amendments**
Recommendation: Provide direction to the City's voting delegate and alternate for action on the proposed League of California Cities bylaws amendments.

City Clerk Pope presented the staff report.

MOTION

Council Member Ybarra moved and Mayor Pro Tem Larios seconded a motion to direct the delegate and alternate to vote to approve the bylaws amendments. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Council Member Davis absent.

ORAL REPORTS

City Administrator Reports on Activities and other Announcements.

City Administrator Fandino discussed the need to conserve electricity and the State's emergency load reduction program; announced the League of California Cities Annual Conference September 7 – 9, 2022, New Business Welcome on September 14, 2022, Career Day on October 5, 2022, and Halloween Spooktacular on October 27, 2022.

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

None.

RECESS

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

CLOSED SESSION

- 11. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2022

Jerry Chavez v. City of Vernon
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC719460

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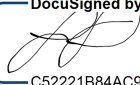
At 9:33 a.m., Mayor Lopez adjourned Closed Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

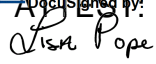
CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

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LISA POPE, City Clerk
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