

**MINUTES
VERNON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lopez led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Leticia Lopez, Mayor
Crystal Larios, Mayor Pro Tem
Judith Merlo, Council Member
Melissa Ybarra, Council Member

ABSENT:

William Davis, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Fandino, 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

Mayor Pro Tem Larios moved and Council Member Merlo 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. **City Administrator Report**

Recommendation:

Receive presentation on:

- New Business Welcome
- Vernon Police Department Leadership Development
- City Beautification Efforts
- Los Angeles County Fire Contract Savings
- Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) 2022 Most Business-Friendly City Award
- Community Engagement

City Administrator Fandino presented the staff report.

2. **Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation**

Recommendation: Acknowledge and proclaim October 10, 2022 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Vernon.

City Clerk Pope read the proclamation.

3. **Commemorative Check Presentation**

Recommendation: Present a commemorative check to Huntington Park High School's football program.

City Administrator Fandino presented the commemorative check.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

Mayor Pro Tem Larios moved and Mayor Lopez 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:

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: Approve the September 20, 2022 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

5. **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.

6. Operating Account Warrant Register

Recommendation: Approve Operating Account Warrant Register No. 95, for the period of September 4 through September 17, 2022, totaling \$6,594,281.13 and consisting of ratification of electronic payments totaling \$6,018,120.95 and ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$576,160.18.

7. Electronic Communications Retention Policy

Recommendation: A. Adopt Administrative Manual Policy 5.3 - Information Technology - Electronic Communications Retention Policy; and B. Authorize the City Administrator to execute and distribute the Policy to all City employees, Council Members, advisory board members, contractors, interns and volunteers.

8. Public Works Department Monthly Report

Recommendation: Receive and file the August 2022 Building Report

9. Resource Adequacy Plan for 2023

Recommendation: A. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-35 approving and adopting the Vernon Public Utilities Department Resource Adequacy Plan for 2023, 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 Vernon Public Utilities Department Resource Adequacy Plan for 2023 and the Monthly Resource Adequacy and Supply Data to the CAISO.

10. Purchase Contract with Cedro Construction Inc. for Contract No. CS-1506: District Final Repaving

Recommendation: A. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, because the project consists of the repair of existing facilities and equipment and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use; B. Approve and authorize the issuance of a Purchase Contract with Cedro Construction Inc. for repaving of District Boulevard for a total amount of \$22,001.92; and C. Authorize a contingency of \$5,000 in the event that additional unforeseen repairs are necessary, and grant authority to the City Administrator to issue change orders for an amount up to the contingency amount, if necessary.

11. Purchase Contract with Wonderware North for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Software

Recommendation: Approve issuance of a Purchase Contract with Wonderware North, a Q-mation Company, in an amount not to exceed \$176,291.96, for the purchase of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition software licenses.

NEW BUSINESS**12. Purchase Contract with DC Consulting Services LLC**

Acting Public Utilities General Manager Dusenberry presented the staff report.

In response to Council questions, Acting Public Utilities General Manager Dusenberry explained the future of the units.

MOTION

Council Member Ybarra moved and Council Member Merlo seconded a motion to: A. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, because the project consists of the maintenance, repair or minor alteration of existing equipment and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use; B. Approve issuance of a Purchase Contract with DC Consulting Services LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$444,989.50, for the purchase and commissioning of two Rolls-Royce model 571KF gas turbine engines; and C. Authorize a contingency amount of \$55,000 for estimated taxes and freight costs and grant authority to the City Administrator to issue supplementals up to the contingency amount, if necessary. 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 announced Career Day on October 5; Halloween Spooktacular on October 27; and Bravo Foods Grand Opening on October 6, 2022.

Acting Assistant Fire Chief James Sullivan and Liaison Gigi Chan introduced themselves.

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

None.

RECESS

Mayor Lopez recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 9:32 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Jerry Chavez v. City of Vernon

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC719460

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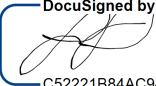
At 10:38 a.m., Mayor Lopez adjourned Closed Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

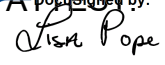
City Attorney Moussa reported the Council met in Closed Session, discussed the item on the agenda, and took no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lopez adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

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LETICIA LOPEZ, Mayor

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LISA POPE, City Clerk
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