

**MINUTES  
VERNON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cline called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Cline led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Jack Cline, Chair (via remote access)  
Jimmy Andreoli II, Vice Chair (via remote access)  
John Baca, Commissioner  
Thomas Condon, Commissioner  
William Davis, Commissioner  
Duncan Sachdeva, Commissioner (via remote access)

**ABSENT:** Douglas Williams, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Zaynah Moussa, Senior Deputy City Attorney (via remote access)  
Lisa Pope, City Clerk  
Dan Wall, Public Works Director  
Scott Williams, Finance Director (via remote access)  
Diana Figueroa, Administrative Analyst

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Baca seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Commissioner Williams absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

Recommendation: Select one member to serve as Chair and one member to serve as Vice Chair for the term ending June 30, 2021.

City Clerk Pope presented the staff report.

## **MOTION**

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Baca seconded a motion to select Jack Cline to serve as Chair. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Commissioner Williams absent.

## **MOTION**

Commissioner Baca moved and Commissioner Sachdeva seconded a motion to select Jimmy Andreoli II to serve as Vice Chair. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Commissioner Williams absent.

### **2. Presentation on Metro Link Union Station Project**

Recommendation: There is no action required by the Commission. This is a presentation only.

Scott McConnell, Regional Rail, Jeanet Owens, Regional Rail, Vincent Chio, Regional Rail, and Will Ridder, Planning, presented a PowerPoint introducing the project and explaining linkages across Southern California; Union Station renovations; track structure; environmental review process; schedule, including Virtual Open House and Scoping meeting on September 17, 2020; regional goods movement; and improvements to Malabar Yard.

In response to Commission questions, Ms. Owens discussed the traffic data collection and efforts to minimize impacts to the business community.

The Commission expressed concerns regarding traffic impacts; access and operations of businesses; the need to engage with businesses early in the process; existing trash, graffiti and the homeless; security and pedestrian traffic; and noise and air quality.

### **3. Mixed-Use Specific Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Preparation**

Recommendation: There is no action required by the Commission. This is a presentation only.

Public Works Director Wall presented the staff report.

In response to Commission questions, Public Works Director Wall explained determination of mitigation to transition from industrial to mixed use residential. The



Commission discussed factors affecting industrial real estate, especially gentrification of Downtown Los Angeles.

**4. Finance/Treasury  
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 City Wide Financial Update and Preliminary Results**

Recommendation: Receive and file the report.

Finance Director Williams provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget.

In response to Commission questions, Finance Director Williams discussed the General Fund reserve.

Marisa Olguin, Vernon Chamber of Commerce, congratulated staff on ensuring the budget was in line and commended City Administrator Fandino. She requested bond debt be included in the quarterly reports and suggested the Commission lead discussions on what to do when the Parcel/Warehouse/Public Safety Tax sunset in 2022 and the Utility User Tax sunset in 2028.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Baca seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Commissioner Williams absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following item:

- 5. Approval of Minutes**  
Recommendation: Approve the May 14, 2020 Regular Business and Industry Commission meeting minutes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6. Evaluation of Need for a Business Priority in City-owned Housing Lotteries**  
Recommendation: Recommend whether the City should establish a business priority when renting City-owned housing units.

Public Works Director Wall presented the staff report.

Marisa Olguin, Vernon Chamber of Commerce, provided historical context on 1<sup>st</sup> responder priority.

In response to Commission questions, Public Works Director Wall discussed current City employee residents; lotteries; vacancy rate; and income requirements.

**MOTION**

Chair Cline moved and Vice Chair Andreoli II seconded a motion to recommend that the City establish a priority for employees of Vernon businesses, excluding City of Vernon employees.

The Commission discussed the exclusion of City Hall employees.

The motion was withdrawn.

**MOTION**

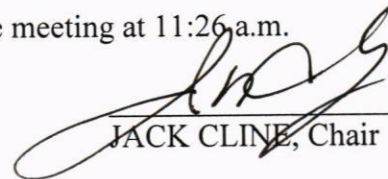
Chair Cline moved and Commissioner Condon seconded a motion to recommend that the City establish a priority for employees of Vernon businesses, excluding City of Vernon employees. The question was called and the motion carried 5-1-0, Commissioner Baca dissenting and Commissioner Williams absent.

**ORAL REPORTS**

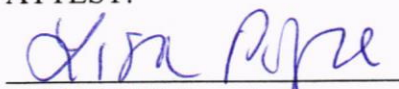
None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Cline adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

  
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JACK CLINE, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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LISA POPE, Secretary  
(seal)