

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CITY OF VERNON HELD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010, AT 9:12 A.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
LOCATED AT 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE,
VERNON, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gonzales, McCormick, Davis, Maisano, Newmire

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gonzales.

The Chief Deputy City Attorney advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that this was the time for public comments.

Mayor Gonzales asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the City Council.

Mr. Ronald Garcia with Southern California Edison Company addressed the City Council and reported on the dedication ceremony of the Mobile Technology Lab unit that took place recently in the City of Huntington Park. He thanked the entire City Council for funding the Technology Lab unit and reiterated the deserved recognition given to City of Vernon Officials during the ceremony for sponsoring the unit for the benefit of the communities of the Southeast Cities.

Mayor Gonzales asked if there was anyone else in the audience who wished to address the City Council.

There was no one else in the audience who wished to address the City Council at this time.

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that this was the time to present the Service Pins.

The Mayor presented the Service Pins and congratulated the following employees on behalf of the entire City Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Jerry Winegar	Lieutenant	20
Silas Williams	Utilityman II	20
Shirley Salas	Account Clerk	15

The following employees were unable to attend the meeting and the Service Pin was forwarded to them.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>
Donald Vanover	Police Officer	15
Belinda Mejia	Public Safety Dispatcher	10

ORDINANCE NO. 1166 - An Uncodified Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vernon Temporarily Suspending Acceptance and Review of Non-Exclusive Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Applications, was read by title for introduction.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by Newmire, that full reading be waived and that Ordinance No. 1166 be introduced. Motion carried.

Ayes: Gonzales, McCormick, Davis, Maisano, Newmire
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1167 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vernon Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Vernon, Relating to City Council Elections and the Appointment of Council Members in Uncontested Elections, was read by title for Introduction and Adoption.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, that full reading be waived and that Ordinance No. 1167 be adopted. Motion carried.

Ayes: Gonzales, McCormick, Davis, Maisano, Newmire
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

The Consent Calendar was presented.

Light & Power

1. Procurement Report for September 2009.

Treasury

Warrant Registers - January 15 through January 25, 2010:

1. Ratification of wire transfers for Warrant Register No. 1300, totaling \$314,458.26.
2. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Warrant Register No. 1300, totaling \$3,892.46.
3. Warrant Register No. 1300, totaling \$870,236.25.
4. Ratification of wire transfers for Light & Power Warrant Register No. 265, totaling \$3,877,963.60.
5. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Light & Power Warrant Register No. 265, totaling \$5,248.51.
6. Light & Power Warrant Register No. 265, totaling \$36,201.91.
7. No wire transfers for Gas Warrant Register No. 55.
8. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Gas Warrant Register No. 55, totaling \$7,345.31.
9. No Warrant Checks for Gas Warrant Register No. 55.
10. There was no BNY Report for this period.

11. Ratification of the following warrant registers to record the following voided checks:

- a. **City Warrant Register No. 1294** to record voided Check No. 328081, in the amount of \$1,349.74.
- a. **City Warrant Register No. 1297** to record voided Check No. 328441, in the amount of \$236.00.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Davis, that the items listed on the Consent Calendar be approved as recommended. Motion carried. 5-0

RESOLUTION 2010-16 of the City Council of the City of Vernon, California, Appointing Richard J. Maisano and Cancelling the Municipal Election that was to be Held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, was read by title.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by McCormick, that **Resolution No. 2010-16** be adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

RESOLUTION 2010-17 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment No. 5 to Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract By and Between the City of Vernon and Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. for Maintenance of the City's Existing Traffic Signals and any New Signals Installed by the City During the Contract, was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Maisano, that **Resolution No. 2010-17** be adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

Resolution 2010-18 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Termination of Windowbox.com, Inc.'s Lease of a Portion of the Parking Area Located at 2265 38th Street in the City of Vernon, was read by title.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by McCormick, that **Resolution No. 2010-18** be adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

Resolution 2010-19 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Authorizing and Approving the City Administrator to Terminate a Commodity Swap Transaction When Appropriate; Approving the Termination Agreement Pursuant to Which Such Termination Shall Occur; and Authorizing Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto, was read by title.

Mr. Eric Fresch, Assistant City Attorney I, addressed the city council; explained the facts related to the gas commodity swap and reported that 25% of the city's gas commodity is purchased at a variable rate; and addressed the importance of withdrawing from the variable rate at the appropriate time before the gas rates go up.

Mayor Gonzales asked what would happen if the Vernon Light & Power Department would be in financial trouble, like the Department of Water & Power (DWP), would there be any assistance offered from any source.

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Mr. Fresch responded that each department is responsible for its own actions. That the only way DWP could recover from its current status would be by closely managing its revenue, making sure that the revenues cover its costs. He also advised that it would be the same situation for the City of Vernon; once the Light & Power revenues stop covering the City's costs, it would be difficult for the City of Vernon to survive.

The City Administrator advised that Light & Power revenues have increased, but that costs have also increased.

Mr. Fresch concluded and stated that the termination of the agreement to purchase 25% of the City's gas commodity at a variable rate would be appropriate at this time.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Newmire, that **Resolution No. 2010-19** be adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

Resolution 2010-20 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Services Agreement for Strategic Governmental Consulting Services By and Between the City of Vernon and California Strategies, LLC and a Services Agreement for Strategic Advocacy Services By and Between the City of Vernon and California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC, was read by title.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by Gonzales, that **Resolution No. 2010-20** be adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that now was the time for elected officials to report on conference/seminars for the period of January 4, 2010 through January 31, 2010.

There were no reports for the period of January 4, 2010, through January 31, 2010.

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that now was the time for the City Administrator to report on activities and other brief announcements.

The City Administrator reported that the City would like to proceed on the sale of the Tehachapi land. Due to the City Council being out of town until Friday morning, he asked the City Council if they were in agreement to meet for a Special Meeting on Friday, upon their return, to discuss the matter.

All members of the Council expressed their availability to meet on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. for a Special Meeting.

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that now was the time for reports from the City Council.

