

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF VERNON HELD MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010,
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 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 at 9:08 a.m. by Mayor Gonzales.

The City Clerk announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

The City Clerk announced that this was the time allotted for public comments.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the City Council. No one responded.

The Mayor presented service pins to the following employees and congratulated them on behalf of the entire City Council.

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Years</u>
1. Steven Towles	Police Chief	30
2. Michael Hendrickson	Sr. Electronics Technician	20

The following employee was unable to attend the meeting and his service pin was forwarded to him.

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Years</u>
1. Art Morales	Utilityman II	30

The City Clerk announced that this was the time allotted for the presentation on design alternatives for the Atlantic Boulevard Bridge Widening Project.

Director of Community Services & Water Kevin Wilson advised that an aesthetic design concept needed to be selected as part of the Atlantic Boulevard Bridge Widening Project. He provided the Councilmembers with handouts of three design alternatives prepared by CNS Engineers, Inc. ("CNS"), the City's design consultant on the project, and turned the presentation over to James Lui of CNS.

Mr. Lui talked about the federal funding available for the design phase of the bridge widening project and turned the presentation over to Bridge Architect David Tatsumi.

Mr. Tatsumi gave a slide presentation of three neo-classical design alternatives: (1) the "Providing City," (2) the "Great Blue Heron," and (3) the "Monument," and asked the City Council to provide direction with regard to its preference.

Councilman Davis asked how the cost of each design concept compares with each other.

Mr. Lui stated that the plans were presented in order of least costly to most costly based on direct costs and future maintenance costs. Approximately five percent of the federal funding for the construction of the bridge could be applied to the design portion of the project.

Councilman Newmire asked if there was a safety walkway in any of the design alternatives.

Mr. Lui stated that all three alternatives included a five-foot safety walkway and the mandatory five-inch railing openings.

Councilman Davis asked if the project would require the relocation of existing power lines and, if so, whether they would be moved underground.

Director Wilson stated that some power lines on the east side would need to be moved and that Caltrans would cover ninety percent of the relocation costs. City staff will look into both underground and overhead options.

Councilman Newmire asked which design option would be the easiest to maintain.

Director Wilson stated that option 1, the "Providing City," would be the easiest to maintain and most closely resembles the look of the current bridge.

Mayor Pro-Tem McCormick recommended combining the entry design in option 1, the "Providing City," with the handrail design in option 3, the "Monument." Councilman Newmire concurred with the recommendation. No objections or alternative recommendations were expressed by the other Councilmembers.

The Consent Calendar was presented.

City Attorney Laurence Wiener clarified that the funding for Item No. 1 under City Administration would be provided by the Light & Power Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Administration

1. Authorization for the City Council Members and the Renewable Energy Development Manager to attend the Renewable Energy Finance Forum (REFF) - Wall Street on June 28-29, 2010.

Treasurer's Department

1. Approval of the following Warrant Registers covering the period of April 20 through April 26, 2010.
 - a. Warrant Register No. 1311, totaling \$241,900.51, which consists of the following:
 - Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$35,800.27; and
 - Authorization to issue pending checks totaling \$206,100.24.

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- b. Light & Power Warrant Register No. 276, totaling \$2,895,681.64, which consists of the following:
 - Ratification of wire transfers totaling \$2,852,484.30;
 - Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$2,101.32; and
 - Authorization to issue pending checks totaling \$41,096.02.
- c. Gas Warrant Register No. 64, totaling \$14,710.99, which consists of the following:
 - Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$4,547.74; and
 - Authorization to issue pending checks totaling \$10,163.25.

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

The City Council recessed into closed session to discuss the items listed on the closed session agenda.

Closed Session Reports: The Chief Deputy City Attorney/Risk Manager reported that, with regard to LASC Case No. BS120643, the City Council unanimously voted to approve fees not to exceed \$17,555, pay the balance of \$37.90, and file closing papers.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Davis, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried.

Hilario Gonzales
Mayor

ATTEST:

Willard G. Yamaguchi
City Clerk