

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF VERNON HELD MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010,  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL LOCATED  
AT 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE, VERNON, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gonzales, McCormick, Maisano, Newmire

MEMBERS ABSENT: Davis

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 Consent Calendar was presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Light & Power Department**

1. Resource Procurement Report for the month of March 2010, to be received and filed.

**Treasurer's Department**

1. Approval of the following Warrant Registers covering the period of May 4 through May 10, 2010.
  - a. Warrant Register No. 1313, totaling \$480,763.66, which consists of the following:
    - Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$4,746.99; and
    - Authorization to issue pending checks totaling \$476,016.67.
  - b. Light & Power Warrant Register No. 278, totaling \$169,478.93, which consists of the following:
    - Ratification of wire transfers totaling \$109,658.21;
    - Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$25,591.07; and
    - Authorization to issue pending checks totaling \$34,229.65.
  - c. Gas Warrant Register No. 66, totaling \$4,392.29, which consists of the following:
    - Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$4,115.26; and
    - Authorization to issue pending checks totaling \$277.03.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Maisano, that the matters on the Consent Calendar be approved as recommended. Motion carried. 4-0

**ORDINANCE NO. 1168** - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vernon Amending Section 2.1 of the Vernon City

Code Relating to the Time, Place and Agenda Topics of City Council Meetings, was read by title for a first reading.

Councilman Maisano recommended that Section 2(a) of Ordinance No. 1168 be amended to set the regular City Council meetings on a bi-monthly schedule, with meetings on the first and third Monday of each month, and set the start time for the Light & Power meeting at 8:00 a.m. and the start time for the non Light & Power meeting at 9:00 a.m.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by McCormick, that Ordinance No. 1168 be introduced with the changes recommended by Councilman Maisano. Motion carried. 4-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-56** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving the Submittal to the California Department of Transportation of a Functional Classification Map Change Request Form Relating to Changes in the Functional Classification of Streets and Roads Within the City of Vernon.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Maisano, that Resolution No. 2010-56 be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-57** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Rental and Maintenance Agreement By and Between the City of Vernon and United Site Services, Inc. for Fencing.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, that Resolution No. 2010-58 be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-58** - A Resolution of the City Council of The City Of Vernon Approving Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Volume I and Appendix "O" of SSMP Volume II in Compliance with the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by Newmire, that Resolution No. 2010-58 be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-59** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving the City's Participation in the Steering Committee for the Pacific Electric Right-Of-Way (PE ROW)/West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis and Appointing the City's Representatives.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Maisano, that Resolution No. 2010-59 be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

The City Clerk announced that this was the time to hold the discussion regarding the Los Angeles River Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program.

Director of Community Services & Water Kevin Wilson distributed updated handouts to the City Council and gave a slide presentation on the L.A. River Bacteria TMDL program. The total estimated costs to bring the L.A. River into compliance

with current TMDL requirements over the next 25 to 30 years is \$1 billion for dry weather and \$5.4 billion for wet weather. Vernon's share of these costs is estimated at \$12 million for dry weather and \$48 million for wet weather, for a total cost of \$2.4 million per year for the next 25 years.

Director Wilson advised that Vernon is in Reach 1 of the implementation plan, thereby having three years to develop a treatment plan and five years to implement said plan. A public hearing on the matter is scheduled for July in Ventura and the affected cities are trying to get the hearing rescheduled to August in Los Angeles.

Director Wilson recommended the City inform the Regional Board of some of its primary concerns, including the exorbitant implementation costs and the impact those costs will have on other City services, the impracticality of implementation due to the lack of scientific support, the impractical recreational-use classification of the L.A. River, and the lack of a stakeholder process. L.A. Cities have been voicing concerns with the Regional Board about other TMDL requirements over the years, but the Bacteria TMDL has been the most difficult and impractical to comply with and by far the most costly. The City will also work with the Coalition of Practical Regulation on this matter, which will likely provide additional comments.

The City Clerk announced that this was the time for conference/seminar reports from elected officials for the period of May 10 through May 16, 2010.

The Mayor reported that none of the Councilmembers attended conferences or seminars during the period of May 10 through May 16, 2010.

The City Clerk announced that this was the time for reports and announcements from the City Administrator.

City Administrator Donal O'Callaghan reported as follows:

1. The scheduled annual MGS outage is under way and expected to be completed within the next week or two. The City has been able to purchase the energy required to meet its demands at competitive prices during the outage.
2. The final draft of the proposed 2010-2011 fiscal year budget is nearly complete. Tremendous effort has been put forth by the Department Heads to reduce operating costs moving forward. Discussions with the Vernon Police Officers Benefit Association will begin this week.

The City Clerk announced that this was the time for reports and announcements from members of the City Council. None of the Councilmembers had anything to report at this time.

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

Closed Session Reports: The City Attorney reported that there were no reportable actions.

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City Administrator O'Callaghan stated that the new budget has considered making Police cuts and no Police cuts, along with trying to identify new sources of revenue, and the outsourcing of services. Monthly and quarterly reports will be provided.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:32 a.m. Motion carried.

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Hilario Gonzales  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Willard G. Yamaguchi  
City Clerk