

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CITY OF VERNON HELD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009, AT 9:00 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 Deputy Chief 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.

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

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that now was the time to open the **Public Hearing** - to establish fees for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes, First Aid Training classes, or a combination of both, that the Fire Department may provide to the general public and to businesses in the City of Vernon. The fees will pay for the cost of instructors and materials under a CPR and First Aid Training Program (continued from meeting held November 9, 2009).

It was moved by Davis, seconded by McCormick to open the public hearing, the time being 9:01 a.m. Motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Wilson summarized the details related to the proposed fee based CPR/First Aid Program and stressed the right bestowed to the Fire Chief to waive any fees, if the program were to be approved by the City Council.

The City Administrator advised that the proposed fee based CPR/First Aid Program would benefit businesses in the City with insurance costs and that there would not be a financial impact on non-profit organizations for the training.

Councilman Davis asked how many instructors would be available to provide training.

Assistant Fire Chief Wilson responded that four fire staff members would be available for training.

Councilman Davis asked what would be the fire department's protocol to follow if a call regarding a fire response was received.

The City Administrator replied that the priority of fire personnel would remain to respond to calls immediately. The CPR/First Aid Training Program would be secondary.

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

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Council on this matter.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, to close the public hearing, the time being 9:04 a.m. Motion carried.

Resolution 10,103 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Authorizing the Vernon Fire Department to Conduct a Fee-Based CPR and First Aid Training Program for Vernon Residents and Businesses and Approval of Related Waiver, Release, and Hold Harmless Agreement, was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, that **Resolution No. 10,103** be approved and adopted. Motion carried.
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The Consent Calendar was presented.

Fire

1. Activity Report for the period of November 1 through November 15, 2009.

Health & Environmental Control

Request to participate in the Los Angeles County Public Works "Brag About Your Bag" Reusable Bag Campaign - November 15 through December 17, 2009.

Police

1. Activity Log and Statistical Summary of Arrests Report for the period of November 1 through November 15, 2009.

Treasury

Warrant Registers - November 10 through November 16, 2009:

1. No Wire Transfer for Warrant Register No. 1292.
2. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Warrant Register No. 1292, totaling \$2,393.02.
3. Warrant Register No. 1292, totaling \$570,077.01.
4. Ratification of wire transfers for Light & Power Warrant Register No. 257, totaling \$98,045.29.
5. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Light & Power Warrant Register No. 257, totaling \$75,279.77.
6. Light & Power Warrant Register No. 257, totaling \$862,525.36.
7. No Wire Transfers for Gas Warrant Register No. 47.

8. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Gas Warrant Register No. 47, totaling \$6,067.34.
9. Gas Warrant Register No. 47, totaling \$39,533.63.

End of Consent Calendar

Councilman Davis inquired about the 171 alarm responses as indicated on the Police Activity Report listed in the Consent Calendar.

Police Captain Rodino went over the response and billing processes and agreed that the total number of alarm responses for this 15-day period was out of the ordinary.

There being no further questions, it was moved by McCormick, seconded by Maisano, that the items listed on the Consent Calendar be approved as recommended. Motion carried. 5-0

RESOLUTION 10,106 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the City's Participation in the Sobriety Checkpoint Mini-Grant Program and Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Grant Agreement No. SC10446 By and Between the City of Vernon and the University of California, Berkeley Traffic Safety Center, was read by title.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by McCormick, that **Resolution No. 10,106** be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

RESOLUTION 10,104 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement With Advanced Electronics, Inc. for the Maintenance of Radio Equipment, was read by title.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Maisano, that **Resolution No. 10,104** be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

Resolution 10,102 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Fourth Supplemental Agreement to Agreement No. C-113101 By and Between the City of Vernon and the City of Los Angeles Regarding the 2006 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program, was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Maisano, that **Resolution No. 10,102** be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

Resolution 10,107 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement With Northtronics PTY LTD (Titley Scientific) for the Purchase of Bat Detection Equipment in Connection With the Wind Project and Allocating Related Funds to the Capital Budget, was read by title.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by Newmire, that **Resolution No. 10,107** be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 5-0

Resolution 10,101 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with N R G Systems, Inc. for the Purchase of MET Towers Equipment in Connection With the Wind Project and Allocating Related Funds to the Capital Budget, was read by title.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by Davis, that **Resolution No. 10,101** be approved and adopted. Motion carried.
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Resolution 10,105 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Vehicle Purchase Agreement By and Between the City of Vernon and Petrelli Electric, Inc. for the Purchase of a 2008 Ford E350 Super D Van Conversion for the Light and Power Department, was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, that **Resolution No. 10,105** be approved and adopted. Motion carried.
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The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that now was the time for elected officials to report on conference/seminars for the period of November 9, 2009, through November 22, 2009.

Mayor Gonzales advised that four members of the council attended the National League of Cities Conference on November 10 through November 14, 2009, in San Antonio Texas. It was a well attended conference and approximately 2,000 cities were represented. He further reported on the session regarding city-paid pension programs that are being affected by the weak economy and the effort of certain cities looking for options that might be leading cities to share pension costs with employees in order to continue with the already established pension programs.

Councilman Maisano reported on the opening-session of the conference conducted by the Mayor of San Antonio Texas, Julian Castro. He also reported on the humorous session addressing the issues relating to the current economy and the new perspective of focusing on how to survive today's economy and to stop focusing on what the economy had been in the past.

Councilman Davis also reported on the energetic, opening-session of the conference conducted by the Mayor of San Antonio Texas. He also reported on the sessions addressing the impact of the weak economy on alternative transportation and healthcare and their cost affect on cities. He also reported on the conference attendee turnout decreasing by approximately 50% attributed to the current economy.

Mayor Pro Tem McCormick reported on the session regarding the unemployment rate being higher than what has been reported by the Employment Development Department. He also reported on the session on education and the programs other States are implementing to help students obtain education through online courses. He further reported on the session regarding intelligent policing and addressed the example given at the conference involving an intelligent policing situation that occurred in San Diego, California.

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

