

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CITY OF VERNON HELD
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009, AT 9:01 A.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
LOCATED AT 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE,
VERNON, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gonzales, Davis, Maisano, Newmire

MEMBERS ABSENT: McCormick

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gonzales.

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced to the audience 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 at this time.

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

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Newmire, that the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 10, 2009, be approved and adopted as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVED - Gonzales, Davis, Newmire

ABSTAINED - Maisano

ABSENT - McCormick

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by Newmire, that the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 17, 2009, be approved and adopted as submitted. Motion carried.
4-0

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that now was the time to present a Proclamation of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Vernon Congratulating (See Companies Below) on Receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County in Recognition of its Compliance with Industrial Wastewater Discharge Requirements for 2008.

Mayor Gonzales, on behalf of the entire City Council, expressed appreciation to those businesses being recognized for their outstanding efforts in compliance with Industrial Wasterwater Discharge Requirements set by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles.

The Director of Health & Environmental Control addressed the City Council and advised that the recognition list was composed of 38 businesses; however, out of the 38 businesses one had gone out of business in the city. The proclamations were presented to the business representatives who were in attendance:

1. AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS, INC.
2. AMERIPRIDE UNIFORM SERVICES
3. CHARLIE'S PRIDE MEATS
4. C.R. LAURENCE CO., INC.
5. CLOUGHERTY PACKING CO., SUBSIDIARY OF HORMEL

FOODS

6. COAST PACKING CO.
7. CONCEPTUAL TEXTILE PRINTING, LLC
8. DUNN-EDWARDS CORPORATION
9. KING MEAT INC.
10. PABCO PAPER PRODUCTS
11. PAPA CANTELLA'S INC.
12. RITE-WAY MEAT PACKERS, INC.
13. UNITED STATES ALUMINUM CORP.
14. VERNON TRUCK WASH
15. WEST COAST RENDERING COMPANY
16. SOUTHWIND FOODS

The following companies did not have a representative present to accept the proclamation, and the proclamation will be forwarded to them.

1. A & G ENGRAVING, INC.
2. AEROJET-GENERAL CORPORATION - NORRIS OPERATIONS
3. ARTIC GLACIER VERNON, INC.
4. ARTHUR SCHUMAN WEST LLC
5. BARKSDALE INC.
6. ENGINEERED APPLICATIONS, INC.
7. EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION
8. FANTASY DYEING AND FINISHING
9. FISHERMAN'S PRIDE PROCESSORS, INC.
10. MRS. GOOCH'S NATURAL FOOD MARKETS, INC.
11. ON TARGET LAUNDRY LLC
12. OVERHILL FARMS, INC.
13. OWENS-ILLINOIS GLASS CONTAINERS
14. PACIFIC FABRIC FINISHING, INC.
15. REAL MEX FOODS, INCORPORATED
16. SOCO WEST, INCORPORATED
17. SOUTHLAND BOX COMPANY
18. SQUARE-H BRANDS, INC.
19. WIMATEX, INC.
20. YAEGAKI CORPORATION OF USA
21. YONEKYU U.S.A., INC.

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that now was the time to consider a Proclamation of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Vernon Declaring the Month of October 2009 as "Lupus Awareness Month".

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by Davis, to declare the Month of October 2009 as "Lupus Awareness Month". Motion carried. 4-0

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that this was the time for the Public Hearing to Amend the Natural Gas Rate Schedules and Rules for Gas Service for Gas Distributed and Supplied by the City of Vernon (the "City") within its Boundaries. These Amendments Include Amending the City's Gas Municipal Utilities Department Schedules G-1 (Residential Gas Service), G-2 (Small Commercial Gas Service), G-3 (Large Commercial Gas Transportation), G-4 (Large Commercial Gas Commodity) and G-5 (Electric Generation Gas Transportation); and amending Rule 1 (Definitions) and Rule 14 (Service Connections and Facilities on Customer's Premises) of the City's Gas Municipal Utilities Department Rules for Gas Service.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Maisano to open the Public Hearing, the time being 9:15 a.m. Motion carried. 4-0

Mr. Dan Bergman introduced himself and provided a brief summary on the history of the city's gas system; the current 26 gas customers of the city, including the Malburg Generating Station (MGS) and the Gonzales' Stations. He also addressed the benefits entailed in adopting the proposed gas tariffs which include, a reduction in transportation costs, change in the formula for connection cost allowance, and recognizing bond financed pre-paid gas to city customers.

Mayor Gonzales commended the department for taking the initiative to help the business community in the city and asked if there were any gas customers that were interested in joining the gas system if the proposed gas tariffs were to be adopted.

Mr. Bergman responded that there were approximately 12 potential customers waiting for the Council's decision.

Council member Davis asked out of the 26 current gas customers, how many were considered small commercial businesses.

Mr. Bergman said about six were.

Council member Maisano commended the department for stimulating the city's businesses.

Council member Newmire commended the city officials for helping the business community during these stressful economic times.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Newmire, to close the Public Hearing, the time being 9:20 a.m. Motion carried. 4-0

RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Adopting Amendments to Natural Gas Rate Schedules and Rules for Gas Service for Gas Distributed and Supplied by the City within its boundaries, was read by title.

It was moved by Maisano, seconded by Newmire, that **Resolution No. 10,045** of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Adopting Amendments to Natural Gas Rate Schedules and Rules for Gas Service for Gas Distributed and Supplied by the City within its boundaries be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

The Consent Calendar was presented.

Fire Department

1. Fire Department Activity Report for the period of August 1, 2009, through August 15, 2009.

Health & Environmental Control Department

2. Health & Environmental Control Department Monthly Report for the month of July 2009.

Personnel Department

3. Reassignment of Officer Inez Aragon from the Professional Standards Division to the Patrol Division, effective August 16, 2009.

Police Department

4. Police Department Activity Report for the period of August 1, 2009, through August 15, 2009.

Treasury Department

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

- a. **Warrant Register No. 1276** to record voided Check No. 326271, in the amount of \$221.50.
- b. **Warrant Register No. 1279** to record voided Check No. 326534, in the amount of \$6,538.33.
- c. **Light & Power Warrant Register No. 232** to record voided Check No. 506461, in the amount of \$773.27.
- d. **Light & Power Warrant Register No. 232** to record voided Check No. 506472, in the amount of \$446.26.

6. Ratification of wire transfers for Warrant Register No. 1282, covering claims and demands presented during the period of August 11, 2009, through August 17, 2009, drawn on East West Bank totaling \$35,491.96 which includes Wire Nos. 340 through 341 (Accounting Period August 2009).

7. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Warrant Register No. 1282, covering claims and demands presented during the period of August 11, 2009, through August 17, 2009, drawn on East West Bank totaling \$38,519.67, which includes Check Nos. 326754 through 326770 (Accounting period August 2009).

8. Warrant Register No. 1282, covering claims and demands presented during the period of August 11, 2009, through August 17, 2009, drawn on East West Bank totaling \$781,156.36, which includes Check Nos. 326771 through 326859 (Accounting period August 2009).

9. Ratification of wire transfers for Light & Power Warrant Register No. 247, covering claims and demands presented during the period of August 11, 2009, through August 17, 2009, drawn on East West Bank totaling \$101,200.30, which includes Wire Nos. 4379 through 4382 (Accounting period August 2009).

10. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Light & Power Warrant Register No. 247, covering claims and demands presented during the period of August 11, 2009, through August 17, 2009, drawn on East West Bank totaling \$35,671.77, which includes Check Nos. 506766 through 506774 (Accounting period August 2009).

11. Light & Power Warrant Register No. 247 covering claims and demands presented during the period of August 11, 2009, through August 17, 2009, drawn on East West Bank totaling \$323,044.96, which includes Check Nos. 506775 through 506783 (Accounting period August 2009).

