

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CITY OF VERNON HELD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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, Newmire

MEMBERS ABSENT: Maisano

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.

Marisa Olguin, Executive Director of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce introduced herself and asked that the City Council not adopt the resolution increasing electric rates listed on today's agenda. She further expressed that the proposed electric rates of 4.7% will have a negative impact on the business community. Ms. Olguin offered to meet with the City Administrator and various businesses to look for alternatives during these hard economic times.

Mayor Gonzales asked if there was anyone else that wished to address the Council at this time.

Ronald Garcia, Regional Manager Public Affairs of Southern California Edison introduced himself and thanked the City Council for the fire department's participation in the Santa's Visit to the Vernon Elementary School that took place on Friday, December 18, 2009, in which he dressed as Santa Claus and toys were distributed to the children by fire department personnel.

The City Administrator acknowledged the comments made by the Executive Director of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce and expressed that the same challenges facing the businesses are also facing the city. He asked that the business community consider all the services provided by the city that are provided at no charge. The City Administrator reported that the proposed increase in the electric rates is necessary to cover the cost of energy and made himself available to discuss any questions the business community might have.

Mayor Gonzales encouraged the business community in the audience to contact the City Administrator to obtain information on the matter.

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

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

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Davis that the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held December 7, 2009, be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

The Consent Calendar was presented.

City Administration

1. Request for funds and authorization for the City Councilmembers and the Renewable Energy Development Manager to attend the Renewable Energy Technology Conference & Exhibition (RETECH) 2010 in Washington D.C. from February 3 - 5, 2010, at an estimated cost of \$35,912.00 for all six.

Light & Power

1. Resource Procurement Report for the month of July 2009.

Treasury

Warrant Registers - December 8 through December 14, 2009:

1. Ratification of wire transfers for Warrant Register No. 1296, totaling \$308,530.27.
2. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Warrant Register No. 1296, totaling \$98,859.48.
3. Warrant Register No. 1296, totaling \$684,926.94.
4. Ratification of wire transfers for Light & Power Warrant Register No. 261, totaling \$160,182.09.
5. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Light & Power Warrant Register No. 261, totaling \$1,376.62.
6. Light & Power Warrant Register No. 261, totaling \$202,612.97.
7. There were no wire transfers for Gas Warrant Register No. 51.
8. Ratification of the issuance of early checks for Gas Warrant Register No. 51, totaling \$132.59.
9. Warrant Checks for Gas Warrant Register No. 51, totaling 7,208.97.
10. There was no BNY Report for this period.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

RESOLUTION 10,119 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Amending Rate Schedule Nos. CS, D, GS-1, GS-2, LS-1, LS-2, OL-1, PA-1, PA-2, PA-TOU, TC-1, TOU-D, TOU-G, TOU-GS-1, TOU-GS-2, TOU-PA-1, and TOU-V Regarding Electrical Rates to be Charged for Electrical Energy Distributed and Supplied by the City Within Its Boundaries, and Renaming Exhibit A and Exhibit B of the Fuel Cost Adjustment Provision in Each of Those Schedules and Rate Schedule TOU-I, was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Davis, that **Resolution No. 10,119** be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Adopting Amended Purchasing and Settlement Procedures to Provide the City Administrator with Purchasing and Contracting Authority up to \$50,000.00, to Provide Department Heads with Contracting Authority up to Certain Spending Limits, to Provide the Risk Manager with Settlement Authority up to Certain Limits, and to Provide the Risk Manager with the Authority to Reject Claims for Damages, and Repealing All Resolutions in Conflict Therewith, was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, that the aforementioned **Resolution** regarding purchasing and settlement procedures be denied. Motion carried. 4-0

Resolution 10,120 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Purchase Agreement with the Central Basin Municipal Water District Decreasing the Minimum Amount of Imported Water Provided by the Central Basin Municipal Water District, was read by title.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by McCormick, that **Resolution No. 10,120** be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

Resolution 10,121 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional and Technical Services and Task Order No. 1 with Commonwealth Associates, Inc. to Support the City's Interconnection Applications for the Tehachapi Wind Energy Project, was read by title.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Newmire, that **Resolution No. 10,121** be approved and adopted. Motion carried. 4-0

Resolution 10,122 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment No. 1 to Access Agreement with AON eSolutions, Inc. to Provide Access to Online Safety Management Tools and Information, was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, that **Resolution No. 10,122** be approved and adopted. Motion carried.
4-0

Resolution 10,123 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Software Service Agreement with VisionAir, Inc., was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Davis, that **Resolution No. 10,123** be approved and adopted. Motion carried.
4-0

Resolution 10,124 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Services Agreement with CH2M Hill, Inc. for Siting and Permitting Support and Preparation of an Avian Study Protocol, was read by title.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by McCormick, that **Resolution No. 10,124** be approved and adopted. Motion carried.
4-0

Resolution 10,125 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions for the Sale of Real Property Located at 2200 55th Street and 2001 57th Street to C.R. Laurence Co., Inc., was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Newmire, that **Resolution No. 10,125** be approved and adopted. Motion carried.
4-0

Resolution 10,126 of the City Council of the City of Vernon Creating the Sustainable Communities Subcommittee, was read by title.

It was moved by McCormick, seconded by Davis, that **Resolution No. 10,126** be approved and adopted. Motion carried.
4-0

The Chief Deputy City Attorney announced that now was the time for discussions.

The Director of Community Services & Water distributed a handout to the City Council and summarized the details on this matter and provided a background on SB 375, the involvement of SCAG and the Gateway COG, the potential impact to the city posed by the proposed regulations that require a reduction in vehicle miles traveled by passenger cars and light duty trucks. He also discussed the ramifications if the Gateway COG were to take on delegation of the preparation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The Director of Community Services & Water further reported that there will be a meeting on January 6, 2009, in which the Gateway COG will determine whether it accepts the delegation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy as prescribed by SB 375.

