MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF VERNON HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018, IN COUNCIL
CHAMBER OF CITY HALL LOCATED AT 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE,
VERNON, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Mayor Woodruff-Perez; Vernon Elementary
School Student led the flag salute.

Members Present: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, and
Melissa Ybarra
Members Absent: None

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Matthew Ceballos announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Douglas Williams, President of Williams Service Corporation, spoke about the budget, how the
City affects his business, and the future of the City.

Diane Espino, Vernon Elementary School Principal, thanked the City for today’s awards and
spoke about the partnership that has been built between the School and the City.

Councilmember Lopez joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vernon, California, adding
Article VIII to Chapter 22 of the Vernon Municipal Code to Establish
Residential Preferential Parking Zones and repealing all ordinances or parts of
ordinances in conflict therewith

Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed Ordinance is
exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review,
because it is not a “project” under CEQA, which is defined as an action
directly undertaken by a public agency which has the potential for resulting in
either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable
indirect physical change in the environment. See CEQA Guidelines section
15378. Even if the ordinance were to be considered a “project,” under CEQA
Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the ordinance would be exempt from CEQA
review, because it does not have the potential for causing a significant effect
on the environment, especially where, as here, adoption of the ordinance is
being pursued to provide the legal basis for the City to designate preferential
parking zones. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility
that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment,
the activity is not subject to CEQA. Here, the proposed ordinance involves
amending Chapter 22 of the Vernon Municipal Code, Streets and Sidewalks,
and the establishment of Preferential Parking Zones, which would authorize
the City to adopt a resolution designating a specific area as a preferential
parking zone and will not have any effect on the environment; and

B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and

C. Approve the first reading, and adopt at a subsequent meeting, an ordinance
amending Chapter 22 of the Vernon Municipal Code, Streets and Sidewalks,
by adding Article VIII to establish Residential Preferential Parking Zones.

Public Works Director Daniel Wall reported on the proposed.
Councilmember Lopez inquired about the number of parking spaces that would be created, Director Wall explained how the new zoned residential parking would work.

Councilmember Ybarra inquired about permits, Director Wall explained that future resolutions would be designate certain areas as preferential or permitted parking.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez opened the public hearing at 9:10 a.m.

No public comment provided.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez closed the public hearing at 9:10 a.m.

It was moved by William Davis and seconded by Melissa Ybarra to: A. Find that approval of the proposed Ordinance is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is not a “project” under CEQA, which is defined as an action directly undertaken by a public agency which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. See CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Even if the ordinance were to be considered a “project,” under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the ordinance would be exempt from CEQA review, because it does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, especially where, as here, adoption of the ordinance is being pursued to provide the legal basis for the City to designate preferential parking zones. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Here, the proposed ordinance involves amending Chapter 22 of the Vernon Municipal Code, Streets and Sidewalks, and the establishment of Preferential Parking Zones, which would authorize the City to adopt a resolution designating a specific area as a preferential parking zone and will not have any effect on the environment; and B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and C. Approve the first reading, and adopt at a subsequent meeting, an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the Vernon Municipal Code, Streets and Sidewalks, by adding Article VIII to establish Residential Preferential Parking Zones. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra
No: None

2) Uncodified Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement between the City of Vernon and the Derby Dolls

**Recommendation:** A. Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is continuing administrative activity that will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378, and to the extent the Derby Dolls seek to engage in actual physical construction or development, such would be subject to separate and independent CEQA review and analysis; and

B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and

C. Approve the first reading, and adopt at a subsequent meeting, an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Development Agreement between the City of Vernon and the Derby Dolls for the purpose of facilitating the development of the Derby Dolls’ program and facility located at 2661 East 46th Street in the City of Vernon.

Director Wall reported on the proposed and briefly explain the process of the agreement and the term limit.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez opened the public hearing at 9:14 a.m.

Public Comment
Melanie Clarkson, Los Angeles Derby Dolls Representative, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Roller Derby events, junior derby dolls program, the community services, health welfare, and partnerships with Vernon officials and businesses.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez closed the public hearing at 9:21 a.m.

It was moved by Melissa Ybarra and seconded by Leticia Lopez to: A. Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is continuing administrative activity that will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378, and to the extent the Derby Dolls seek to engage in actual physical construction or development, such would be subject to separate and independent CEQA review and analysis; and B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and C. Approve the first reading, and adopt at a subsequent meeting, an ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Development Agreement between the City of Vernon and the Derby Dolls for the purpose of facilitating the development of the Derby Dolls’ program and facility located at 2661 East 46th Street in the City of Vernon. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra
No: None

3) Resolution No. 2018-18- Approving a Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019
Recommendation: A. Find that adoption of the resolution proposed in this staff report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because adoption of the budget is the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a “project” as defined under Section 15378(b)(4). Further, even if adoption of the budget were considered a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment; and

B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and

C. Adopt a resolution approving the citywide balanced budget for fiscal year 2018/2019, with estimated budgeted revenues and expenditures of $305,240,703.

City Administrator Carlos Fandino reported on the proposed and briefly addressed important budget details.

Councilmember Ybarra inquired about this fiscal year’s budget compared to last year’s budget. Finance Director William Fox responded to her inquiry accordingly.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez opened the public hearing at 9:26 a.m.

Public Comment
Marissa Olguin, Vernon Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council regarding the budget and her concerns about the 2018-19 budget, the increase to the public safety budget, and renegotiation of MOU’s with the labor unions.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez closed the public hearing at 9:35 a.m.

It was moved by Luz Martinez and seconded by William Davis to: A. Find that adoption of the resolution proposed in this staff report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because adoption of the budget is the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a “project” as defined under Section 15378(b)(4). Further, even if adoption of the budget were considered a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect
on the environment; and B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and C. Adopt a resolution approving the citywide balanced budget for fiscal year 2018/2019, with estimated budgeted revenues and expenditures of $305,240,703. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra
No: None

4) Resolution No. 2018-19 – Adopting an Appropriation Limit for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, Pursuant to Government Code Section 7910

**Recommendation:** A. Find that adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Appropriation Limit proposed in this staff report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because such action is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and

B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and

C. Adopt the attached resolution establishing the City’s Appropriation Limit for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of $985,664,603 based on the percentage change in the Nonresidential Construction and County Population.

Finance Director Fox reported on the proposed.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez opened the public hearing at 9:40 a.m.

No public comment provided.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez closed the public hearing at 9:40 a.m.

It was moved by William Davis and seconded by Luz Martinez to: A. Find that adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Appropriation Limit proposed in this staff report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because such action is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and C. Adopt the attached resolution establishing the City’s Appropriation Limit for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of $985,664,603 based on the percentage change in the Nonresidential Construction and County Population. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra
No: None

**PRESENTATION**


Presentation by: Chief of Police, Anthony Miranda

**Recommendation:** No action required by City Council. This is a presentation only.

Alexy Escobedo briefly spoke about the D.A.R.E. program. Mayor Woodruff-Perez presented the three essay winners with certificates, gift cards, and backpacks.

First place: Cathia Garcia

Second place: Catherine Castillo

Third place: Dawson Rios

6) Presentation of Grantee Certificates and Report on FY 2018/2019 Docket III Grants Awarded by Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee

**Recommendation:** A. Find that receiving this report on grants awarded by the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee is exempt from California
Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is an administrative action that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and, therefore, does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and

B. Present Certificates to FY 2018/2019 Docket III Grant Recipients; and

C. Receive and file this report, as it is being provided for informational purposes only pursuant to Section 2.167(e) of the Vernon Municipal Code.

Deputy City Clerk Ceballos introduced the item.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Melissa Ybarra and seconded by Luz Martinez to: A. Find that receiving this report on grants awarded by the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is an administrative action that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and, therefore, does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and B. Present Certificates to FY 2018/2019 Docket III Grant Recipients; and C. Receive and file this report, as it is being provided for informational purposes only pursuant to Section 2.167(e) of the Vernon Municipal Code. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra
No: None

Deputy City Clerk Ceballos read the organization who received a Grantee Certificate. Mayor Woodruff-Perez presented the Grantee Certificates to the following representatives in attendance:

Lisa Baca, California Latino Leadership Institute
Adam Somers, Libros Schmibros
Hilary Mandel, LA Family Housing

7) Award of Certificates of Achievement to the Vernon City Elementary Robotics Team

**Recommendation:** No action required by City Council. This is a presentation only.

City Administrator Fandino provided a brief oral presentation and introduced the Vernon Elementary Robotics Team.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez presented the Robotics Team with award certificates of achievement.

The Robotics Team then demonstrated the capabilities and use of their robot.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

8) Approval of an Amendment No. 3 to the Attorney Services Agreement (Litigation) between the City of Vernon and Rutan & Tucker, LLP regarding specialized litigation and legal advisory services

**Recommendation:** A. Find that approval of the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the City’s agreement with Rutan & Tucker, LLP is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is a continuing administrative and fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and

B. Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Amendment No. 3 to the Attorney Services Agreement (Litigation) between the City of Vernon and Rutan & Tucker, LLP in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, for an additional amount not to exceed $150,000.00.
9) Approval of an Amendment No. 1 to the Attorney Services Agreement (Transactional) between the City of Vernon and Best Best & Krieger LLP to provide legal services regarding employment and general municipal matters

**Recommendation:**
A. Find that approval of the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the City’s agreement with Best Best & Krieger LLP is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is a continuing administrative and fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and

B. Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Amendment No. 1 to the Attorney Services Agreement (Transactional) between the City of Vernon and Best Best & Krieger LLP, in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, for an additional amount not to exceed $125,000.00.

10) Claim for Damages from A. Peter received May 17, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Receive and File

11) Claim for Damages from Hugo Rios received May 21, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Receive and File

12) Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Held May 15, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Receive and File

13) Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting Held May 23, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Receive and File

14) Ratification of Warrant Registers to Record Voided Checks

**Recommendation:** A. Ratify the following warrant register to record voided checks:

1) General Account Warrant Register No. 1494 to record voided Check No. 357650 in the amount of $2,195.00.

15) Approval of General Account Warrant Register No. 1495 Covering the Period of May 08 through May 28, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Approve General Account Warrant Register No. 1495 which totals $661,882.67 and consists of the following:

1) Ratification of electronic payments totaling $258,830.30.
2) Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $346,073.43.
3) Authorization to issue pending checks totaling $56,978.94.

16) Approval of Public Utilities Account Warrant Register No. 460 Covering the Period of May 08 through May 28, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Approve Public Utilities Account Warrant Register No. 460 which totals $7,960,539.43 and consists of the following:

1) Ratification of electronic payments totaling $7,952,189.94.
2) Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $8,349.49.

17) Approval of Gas Account Warrant Register No. 248 Covering the Period of May 08 through May 28, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Approve Gas Account Warrant Register No. 248 which totals $448,683.39 and consists of the following:

1) Ratification of electronic payments totaling $424,116.70.
2) Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $24,566.69.
18) Approval of Operating Account Warrant Register No. 1 Covering the Period of May 08 through May 28, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Approve Operating Account Warrant Register No. 1 which totals $74,489.27 and consists of the following:

1) Ratification of electronic payments totaling $16,796.66.
2) Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $57,692.61.

19) Resolution No. 2018-20 - Adopting an Annual Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and Delegating Investment Authority to the Finance Director/City Treasurer

**Recommendation:** A. Find that approval of the investment policy for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and

B. Adopt a resolution approving the Annual Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and delegating investment authority to the Finance Director/City Treasurer. The investment policy requires an annual approval by City Council. Such approval is performed annually through the review of any updates and reaffirming the investment policy in effect.

20) Vernon Police Department Activity Log and Statistical Summary for the period of May 1 through May 15, 2018

**Recommendation:** A. Receive and file.

21) Resolution No. 2018-21 - of the City Council of the City of Vernon approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement for continuation and upgrade of dedicated internet access services under the Business Markets Master Service Agreement by and between the City of Vernon and Level 3 Communications, LLC for dedicated internet access services

**Recommendation:** A. Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is a continuing administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and

B. Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC for continuation and upgrade of dedicated internet access services for a one-year period effective July 1, 2017, for an amount not-to-exceed $45,000.

22) Resolution No. 2018-17 - To Adopt a Project Funded by Senate Bill 1 The Road Repair and Accountability Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

**Recommendation:** A. Find that the approval of the proposed action, does not constitute a “project” pursuant to sections 15378(b)(2) and (4) of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because it constitutes an administrative activity and government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment; and even if the adoption of the proposed resolution did constitute a project, it would be exempt from CEQA in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15302, because the proposed project consists of the replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment; and

B. Adopt a resolution adopting a project funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.
23) Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract CS-0599 with Santa Fe Building Maintenance for Professional Janitorial Services

Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed amendment to the Agreement with Santa Fe Building Maintenance is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is not a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378; and

B. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract CS-0599, in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, for the purpose of providing a ninety (90) day extension to the Services Agreement with Santa Fe Building Maintenance and increasing the not-to-exceed amount to $320,834 from $303,948 over the term of the contract (a difference of $16,886); and

C. Authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 to extend the agreement with Santa Fe Building Maintenance for ninety (90) days from June 30, 2018 to September 27, 2018, or as soon as the City secures a vendor for the subject services.

24) Public Works Department April 2018 Monthly Building Report

Recommendation: A. Receive and File.

25) Acceptance of Electrical Easement at 3003 Leonis Boulevard (APN 6303-021-010)

Recommendation: A. Find that the acceptance of the Electrical Easement proposed in this staff report is not a “project” as that term is defined under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378, and even if it were a project, it would be categorically exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (maintenance, repair or minor alteration of an existing facility and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use) and 15061(b)(3) (general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment); and

B. Accept the Electrical Easement, in substantially the same form as attached to this staff report, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Certificate of Acceptance.

It was moved by William Davis and seconded by Luz Martinez to approve items 8 through 25 on the consent calendar. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra
No: None

ORDINANCE

26) Ordinance No. 1253 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Sales Tax Sharing Agreement between the City of Vernon and National Ready Mixed Concrete Company

Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed Sales Tax Sharing agreement is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is a continuing administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378, and to the extent National Ready Mixed Concrete Company seeks to engage in actual physical construction or development, such would be subject to separate and independent CEQA review and analysis; and

B. Approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1253 approving and authorizing the execution of a sales tax sharing agreement between the City of Vernon and National Ready Mixed Concrete Company for the purpose of
facilitating the development of a Point of Sale facility on the site located at 2626 East 26th Street in the City of Vernon.

Public Works Director Daniel Wall reported on the proposed.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Luz Martinez and seconded by Leticia Lopez to: A. Find that approval of the proposed Sales Tax Sharing agreement is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review, because it is a continuing administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378, and to the extent National Ready Mixed Concrete Company seeks to engage in actual physical construction or development, such would be subject to separate and independent CEQA review and analysis; and B. Approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1253 approving and authorizing the execution of a sales tax sharing agreement between the City of Vernon and National Ready Mixed Concrete Company for the purpose of facilitating the development of a Point of Sale facility on the site located at 2626 East 26th Street in the City of Vernon. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra
No: None

NEW BUSINESS

27) Contract Award for Bid Specification #SG-2018-1: Furnish and Deliver 27KV Medium Voltage Metal Clad Switchgear for Public Utilities Department

Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed purchase of medium voltage Metal Clad Switchgear is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because such purchase is a continuing administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, and that even if such purchase were a project, it would be categorically exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15301, because it consists of the maintenance, repair or minor alteration of existing equipment and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use; and

B. Accept the bid from Myers Power Products, Inc., ("Myers") as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and reject all other bids; and

C. Authorize the issuance of a purchase contract with Myers to furnish and deliver two 27KV Medium Voltage Metal Clad Switchgear (Bid Specification #SG-2018-1) on a two (2) year term, for a not to exceed amount of $322,887.04; and

D. Authorize a contingency amount of $40,000 in the event of an unexpected changed condition and grant authority to the City Administrator to issue change orders up to the contingency amount, if necessary.

General Manager Kelly Nguyen reported on the proposed.

It was moved by William Davis and seconded by Luz Martinez to: A. Find that approval of the proposed purchase of medium voltage Metal Clad Switchgear is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, because such purchase is a continuing administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, and that even if such purchase were a project, it would be categorically exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15301, because it consists of the maintenance, repair or minor alteration of existing equipment and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use; and B. Accept the bid from Myers Power Products, Inc., ("Myers") as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and reject all other bids; and C. Authorize the issuance of a purchase contract with Myers to furnish and deliver two 27KV Medium Voltage Metal Clad Switchgear (Bid Specification #SG-
2018-1) on a two (2) year term, for a not to exceed amount of $322,887.04; and D. Authorize a contingency amount of $40,000 in the event of an unexpected changed condition and grant authority to the City Administrator to issue change orders up to the contingency amount, if necessary. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra  
No: None

28) Ratification and Approval of Additional Funds for FY 2017-2018 Purchase Orders and Approval of a FY 2018-2019 Blanket Purchase Order with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. c/o Matzinger-Keegan Inc.  
Recommendation: A. Find that approval of additional funds is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and even if it were considered to be a “project,” the proposed action is exempt from CEQA review, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15302, because the proposed project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing equipment where the new equipment will be located on the same site as the equipment replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the equipment replaced; and

B. Ratify three separate supplementary equipment purchase orders with SEL for a combined total of $13,941.69 as follows:
1.) PO 055.0002625 in the amount of $413.36 for the purchase of Fiber-Optic Cable and Transceivers; and
2.) PO 055.0002632 in the amount of $646.05 for the purchase of SFP Transceivers; and
3.) PO 055.0002631 in the amount of $755.53 for the purchase of various cables, antennas, and related accessories; and
4.) PO 055.0002579 in the amount of $12,126.75 for the purchase of Managed Ethernet Switch equipment; and

C. Approve additional funds in the amount of $4,000 for the issuance of future purchase orders with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (“SEL”) c/o Martzinger-Keegan, Inc. (“MKI”) as may be required for purchases during the remainder of fiscal year 2017-2018; and

D. Approve the issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (“SEL”) c/o Matzinger-Keegan, Inc. (“MKI”) in an amount not to exceed $20,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019.

General Manager Nguyen reported on the proposed.

It was moved by Melissa Ybarra and seconded by Luz Martinez to: A. Find that approval of additional funds is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and even if it were considered to be a “project,” the proposed action is exempt from CEQA review, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15302, because the proposed project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing equipment where the new equipment will be located on the same site as the equipment replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the equipment replaced; and B. Ratify three separate supplementary equipment purchase orders with SEL for a combined total of $13,941.69 as follows:
1.) PO 055.0002625 in the amount of $413.36 for the purchase of Fiber-Optic Cable and Transceivers; and
2.) PO 055.0002632 in the amount of $646.05 for the purchase of SFP Transceivers; and
3.) PO 055.0002631 in the amount of $755.53 for the purchase of various cables, antennas, and related accessories; and
4.) PO 055.0002579 in the amount of $12,126.75 for the purchase of Managed Ethernet Switch equipment; and C. Approve additional funds in the amount of $4,000 for the issuance of future
purchase orders with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. ("SEL") c/o Martzinger-Keegan, Inc. ("MKI") as may be required for purchases during the remainder of fiscal year 2017-2018; and D. Approve the issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. ("SEL") c/o Martzinger-Keegan, Inc. ("MKI") in an amount not to exceed $20,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra  
No: None

29) LA River Path Feasibility Study  
Recommendation: A. Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15262, because the project only involves feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the City has not approved, adopted, or funded.  
B. Receive and file a copy of the LA River Path Feasibility Study.

Director Wall reported on the proposed.

Councilmember Martinez inquired if this was only a study. Director Wall addressed her question and explained that this was a receive and file item.

It was moved by William Davis and seconded by Luz Martinez to: A. Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15262, because the project only involves feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the City has not approved, adopted, or funded.; and B. Receive and file a copy of the LA River Path Feasibility Study. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Leticia Lopez, Melissa Ybarra  
No: None

ORAL REPORTS

City Administrator Fandino Reported on the following: power outrages experienced by Vernon Utilities (provided a brief PowerPoint presentation); Fire Department recent events, fire incidents, and trainings (provided a brief PowerPoint presentation); Vernon Police Department DUI check points; various Police Department incidents; concluding the budget process; and The Gateway Cities Council of Governments Regional Conference on June 15-16th.

The City Council entered closed session at 10:18 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

30) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Bruce V. Malkenhorst, Sr. v. CalPERS, City of Vernon  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS159589

31) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation.  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of potential cases: 1

At 10:31 a.m. the City Council exited closed session. City Attorney Hema Patel reported that two items were discussed and that no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business, at 10:31 a.m., Mayor Woodruff-Perez adjourned the meeting.

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Yvette Woodruff-Perez
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maria E. Ayala
City Clerk