MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY OF VERNON HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Yvette Woodruff-Perez; City Clerk
Maria Ayala led the flag salute.

Members Present: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Melissa Ybarra
Members Absent: Leticia Lopez

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Clerk Maria Ayala announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) A Resolution Establishing a Preferential Parking Zone - 52nd Drive between
Atlantic Boulevard and Heliotrope Avenue

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 any direct or indirect
changes in the environment and therefore does not constitute a “project” as
defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Further, even if the
establishment of the 52nd Drive Residential Preferential Parking Zone 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 establishing a preferential parking zone on 52nd drive
between Atlantic Boulevard and Heliotrope Avenue.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez opened the Public Hearing at 9:01 a.m.

Public Works Director Wall reported on the proposed.

A lengthy dialogue ensued between the Council and staff regarding the timing of resolving the
issue, parking signage, and application outreach.

No public comment provided.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez closed the Public Hearing at 9:07 a.m.

It was moved by Melissa Ybarra and seconded by William Davis to: 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 any direct or indirect changes in the
environment and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section
15378. Further, even if the establishment of the 52nd Drive Residential Preferential Parking Zone
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 establishing a
preferential parking zone on 52nd drive between Atlantic Boulevard and Heliotrope Avenue.
Motion carried, 4 - 0.
Yes: Yvette Woodruff-Perez, William Davis, Luz Martinez, Melissa Ybarra
No: None

PRESENTATION

2) Recognition of Retiring Employee - William C. Niesley, Fire Captain
   Recommendation: A. It is recommended that the City Council acknowledge
   and present a proclamation to retiring employee William C. Niesley, Fire
   Captain, in recognition of his dedicated service to the City of Vernon.

City Clerk Ayala read the proclamation.

Fire Chief Bruce English said a few words recognizing William C. Niesley and his service to the City.

The proclamation was presented by Mayor Woodruff-Perez.

William C. Niesley said a few words about his service.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3) Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held July 17, 2018
   Recommendation: A. Receive and File

4) Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held July 19, 2018
   Recommendation: A. Receive and File

5) Approval of a Software Support Agreement with Tritech Software Systems
   Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed Software Support
   Agreement with Tritech Software Systems 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 does not constitute a “project” as defined by
   CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and
   B. Approve the proposed Software Support Agreement ("Agreement") with
      Tritech Software Systems in an amount not to exceed $200,103.07 for a
      period of three years from August 25, 2018 through August 24, 2021; and
   C. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the proposed Agreement with
      Tritech Software Systems, in substantially the same form as attached
      herewith, for the provision of software support services for the Vernon Police
      Department.

6) Approval of Additional Funds for current Support and Maintenance
   Agreement with Advanced Utility Systems
   Recommendation: A. Find that the approval of additional funds for the
   current Support and Maintenance Agreement with Advanced Utility Systems
   (billing software and related support) 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 does not constitute a “project” as defined by
   CEQA Guidelines section 15378.
   B. Authorize additional funds in an amount of $5,552.98 for the current
      Support and Maintenance Agreement with Advanced Utility Systems.

7) Report on FY 2017/2018 Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee
   Activity
   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. Receive and file this report, as it is being provided for informational purposes only.

8) Ratification of Warrant Registers to Record Voided Checks
Recommendation: A. Ratify the following warrant registers to record voided checks:

1) Public Utilities Account Warrant Register No. 461 to record voided Check No. 513254 in the amount of $266.37 issued on 06/05/18 to Cano's Cutting & Fusing Service, Inc.
2) Operating Account Warrant Register No. 3 to record voided Check No. 600317 in the amount of $66.14 issued on 07/03/18 to Valenzuela, Fernando.

9) Approval of Operating Account Warrant Register No. 4 Covering the Period of July 10 through July 30, 2018
Recommendation: A. Approve Operating Account Warrant Register No. 4 which totals $13,257,518.70 and consists of the following:

1) Ratification of electronic payments totaling $10,913,968.76.
2) Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $2,311,079.38.
3) Authorization to issue pending checks totaling $32,470.56.

10) Fire Department Activity Report for the Period of June 16 through June 30, 2018

11) Vernon Police Department Activity Log and Statistical Summary for the period of June 16 through June 30, 2018

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

13) Award of Construction Contract to General Pump Company, Inc. for Modification and Installation of the Well No. 16 Pump and Motor
Recommendation: A. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines 15301, because the project consists of the maintenance, repair or minor alteration of an existing facility/equipment and involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use; and

B. Accept the bid from General Pump Company, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and reject all other bids; and

C. Approve a Construction Contract with General Pump Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $71,000 for modification and installation of the Well No. 16 pump and motor; and

D. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a Construction Contract with General Pump Company, Inc. in substantially the same form as submitted herewith with an effective day of August 7, 2018.

14) Approval of Water Rights License and Agreement with Golden State Water Company
Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed action 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

B. Approve a Water Rights License and Agreement with Golden State Water Company, in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, to lease 1,500 acre feet from the City of Vernon’s Allocated Pumping Rights in the Central Basin for a lease unit price per acre foot of $190.00 for total revenue of $285,000 to be placed into the Public Utilities Water Fund Revenue Account; and

C. Authorize the General Manager of Public Utilities to execute the Water Rights License and Agreement with Golden State Water Company.

15) Public Works Department June 2018 Monthly Building Report
Recommendation: A. Receive and File.

16) Acceptance of Work of Nobest Incorporated regarding Contract No. CS-0910 – PCC and Pavement Reconstruction for Fire Stations No. 76 and 78
Recommendation: A. Affirm that accepting the work of Nobest Incorporated, for the PCC and Pavement Reconstruction for Fire Stations No. 76 and 78, Contract No. CS-0910, is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15301, Existing Facilities, part (c), existing highways and streets, because the project is merely to repair existing streets; and

B. Accept the work of Nobest Incorporated, as part of the PCC and Pavement Reconstruction for Fire Stations No. 76 and 78, Contract No. CS-0910, and authorize staff to submit for recordation of a Notice of Completion for the project.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Luz Martinez and seconded by Melissa Ybarra to approve Consent Calendar items 3 through 16. Motion carried, 4 - 0.

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

NEW BUSINESS

17) Appointment of Eligible Individuals to Serve on the Vernon Business & Industry Commission
Recommendation: A. Find that the appointment of an eligible individual to serve on the Vernon Business & Industry Commission is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because they are administrative actions that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore do not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and

B. Appoint two eligible individuals to serve on the Vernon Business & Industry Commission, each in a Business Representative Seat, each with a term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022. Andreoli - recommended by davis, dunkin nominated by mayor.

City Administrator Fandino reported on the proposed.

No public comment provided.

City Council deliberated on the appointments, staff supplied background information.
It was moved by William Davis and seconded by Yvette Woodruff-Perez to: A. Find that the appointment of an eligible individual to serve on the Vernon Business & Industry Commission is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because they are administrative actions that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore do not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and B. Appoint Jim Andreoli II and Navdeep (Duncan) Sachdeva to serve on the Vernon Business & Industry Commission, each in a Business Representative Seat, each with a term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022. Motion carried, 4 - 0.

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

18) Appointment of Eligible Individuals to Serve on the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee
Recommendation: A. Find that the appointment of eligible individuals to serve on 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. Appoint an eligible individual to serve on the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee in a Legislative Representative Seat with a term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020; and C. Appoint an eligible individual to serve on the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee in a Business Representative Seat with a term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

City Administrator Fandino reported on the proposed and spoke briefly about the candidate’s qualifications.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Melissa Ybarra and seconded by William Davis to: A. Find that the appointment of eligible individuals to serve on 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. Appoint David Juarez to serve on the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee in a Legislative Representative Seat with a term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. Motion carried, 4 - 0.

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

It was moved by Melissa Ybarra and seconded by Luz Martinez to: A. Find that the appointment of eligible individuals to serve on 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 C. Appoint Juliet Goff to serve on the Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee in a Business Representative Seat with a term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. Motion carried, 4 - 0.

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

19) Award of a Services Agreement to California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) to provide Temporary Environmental Health Staffing Services
Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed Professional Services Agreement between the City of Vernon and California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) 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

B. Determine that the direct award of the proposed agreement is in the best interest of the City and, therefore, exempt from the competitive selection process per Section 2.17.12 (B)(2) of the Vernon Municipal Code; and

C. Approve a Services Agreement with California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) to provide temporary Environmental Health staffing services for a term of one year and an amount not to exceed $150,000; and

D. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the proposed Services Agreement with CAEHA in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, with an effective date of August 3, 2018.

Human Resources Director Michael Earl reported on the proposed.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Luz Martinez and seconded by William Davis to: A. Find that approval of the proposed Professional Services Agreement between the City of Vernon and California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) 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 Guideline section 15378; and B. Determine that the direct award of the proposed agreement is in the best interest of the City and, therefore, exempt from the competitive selection process per Section 2.17.12 (B)(2) of the Vernon Municipal Code; and C. Approve a Services Agreement with California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) to provide temporary Environmental Health staffing services for a term of one year and an amount not to exceed $150,000; and D. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the proposed Services Agreement with CAEHA in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, with an effective date of August 3, 2018. Motion carried, 4 - 0.

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

ORAL REPORTS

City Administrator Carlos Fandino reported on the following: various Fire Department incidents throughout the City; Fire Department personnel deployed to two wildland fires. Fire Chief English elaborated on the personnel use details.

City Administrator Fandino continued his report on the following: Vernon ISO Reclassification survey completion; various Police Department incidents throughout the City; August 2nd National Night Out at the Vernon Village Park Apartments; The Battle of La Mesa Dedication Ceremony will begin at 11:00AM today; City’s Family Game Night event is scheduled for August 9th from 5:30PM-7:30PM; City’s Open Streets Event in conjunction with Huntington Park is scheduled for August 19th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

The City Council entered closed session at 9:43 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

20) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: David R. Shea vs. City of Vernon
Workers Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ9708967
21) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Steve Wiles vs. City of Vernon
Workers Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ9090955

22) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation.
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of potential cases: 1

23) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Jerrick Torres and Lyndon Ong Yiu vs. City of Vernon, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC620265

At 10:08 a.m., the City Council exited closed session. City Attorney Hema Patel reported that of the four items that were discussed, item number 20 and 21 were approved for settlement, no reportable action was taken on item number 22 and 23.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 10:08 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