CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

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

Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Yvette Woodruff-Perez; Public Works Director Daniel Wall led the flag salute.

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) An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vernon, California, adding Article VIII to Chapter 12 of the Vernon Municipal Code to Establish a Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Program

Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed Ordinance is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (“actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment”). Here, the Ordinance involves amending Chapter 12 of the Vernon Municipal Code, Waste Management and Recycling, and the establishment of a construction and demolition debris recycling program, which will establish procedures for protection of the environment; and

B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and

C. Approve the first reading, and adopt at a subsequent meeting, an Ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the Vernon Municipal Code, Waste Management and Recycling, by adding Article VIII to establish a construction and demolition debris recycling program.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez opened the Public Hearing at 9:03 a.m.

Director Wall reported on the proposed.

No public comment provided.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez closed the Public Hearing at 9:05 a.m.

It was moved by William Davis and seconded by Melissa Ybarra to: A. Find that approval of the proposed Ordinance is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (“actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment”). Here, the Ordinance involves amending Chapter 12 of the Vernon Municipal Code, Waste Management and Recycling, and the establishment of a construction and demolition
debris recycling program, which will establish procedures for protection of the environment; and
B. Conduct a Public Hearing; and C. Approve the first reading, and adopt at a subsequent meeting,
an Ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the Vernon Municipal Code, Waste Management and
Recycling, by adding Article VIII to establish a construction and demolition debris recycling
program. Motion carried, 5 - 0.

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

PRESENTATION

2) Swear-In Ceremony

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

City Clerk Maria Ayala administered the oath of office to Corporal Rafael Landa.

Police Chief Anthony Miranda said a few words about the newly promoted Corporal Rafael Landa.

City Clerk Ayala administered the oath of office to Sergeant Gustavo Herrera.

Police Chief Miranda said a few words about the newly promoted Sergeant Gustavo Herrera.

3) Badge Presentation Ceremony

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

City Clerk Ayala administered the oath of office to Fire Captain Robert Farrell.

Fire Chief Bruce English said a few words about the newly promoted Fire Captain Robert Farrell.

Fire Captain Robert Farrell said a few words about his time in Vernon and his promotion.

4) Recognition of Retiring Employee - Fire Captain John A. Cusolito

Recommendation: A. It is recommended that the City Council acknowledge and present a proclamation to retiring employee John A. Cusolito, Fire Captain, in recognition of his dedicated service to the City of Vernon.

City Clerk Ayala read the proclamation.

Fire Chief English said a few words about John A. Cusolito and his service in the City of Vernon.

5) Employee Service Pin Awards for July 2018

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

City Clerk Ayala read the service pin awardees, City Administrator Fandino presented the service pins to Javier Valdez, Angela Melgar, and Hilda Moreno, who were all in attendance.

6) Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Presentation

Presentation by: Fire Engineer, Paul Johnson, and MDA Representative

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

Vernon Fire Engineer Matthew Holtzendorff presented a check to representatives of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The representatives thanked the Fire Department and the City for their time and donations.
Mayor Woodruff-Perez thanked the Fire Department for their time and effort in volunteering for the Fill-the-Boot campaign.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

7) Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 7, 2018  
   **Recommendation:** A. Receive and File

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

   1) General Account Warrant Register No. 1489 to record voided Check No. 357056 in the amount of $23.81 issued 02/15/18 to Stevenson Jr, Kent.
   2) General Account Warrant Register No. 1495 to record voided Check No. 357693 in the amount of $38.15 issued 05/10/18 to Herrera, Gustavo.

9) Approval of Operating Account Warrant Register No. 5 Covering the Period of July 31 through August 13, 2018  
   **Recommendation:** A. Approve Operating Account Warrant Register No. 5 which totals $4,011,649.26 and consists of the following:

   1) Ratification of electronic payments totaling $3,370,478.76.
   2) Ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling $573,052.81.
   3) Authorization to issue pending checks totaling $68,117.69.

10) Approval of City Payroll Warrant Register No. 746 Covering the Period of July 01 through July 31, 2018  
    **Recommendation:** A. Approve City Payroll Warrant Register No. 746 which totals $2,948,641.02 and consists of the following:

    1) Ratification of direct deposits, checks and taxes totaling $2,334,012.37.
    2) Checks and electronic fund transfers (EFT) paid through General bank account totaling $614,628.65.

11) Fire Department Activity Report for the Period of July 1 through July 15, 2018  
    **Recommendation:** A. Receive and file.

12) Federal Equitable Share Agreement and Annual Certification Report  
    **Recommendation:** A. Find that granting authority to execute and submit the above-referenced agreement and related documents 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

    B. Approve the Federal Equitable Share Agreement and Annual Certification Report, in substantially the same form as submitted herewith; and

    C. Authorize the Police Chief and City Administrator to execute the Federal Equitable Share Agreement and Annual Certification Report and submit to the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury on behalf of the City of Vernon.

13) Rejection of Competitive Bids Received for Power Transformer Bid Specification No. TR3-2018-VS  
    **Recommendation:** A. Find that approval of the proposed rejection of competitive bids received for Power Transformer Bid Specification No. TR3-2018-VS is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because accepting, awarding, and rejecting bids 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. Reject all bids for "Specification No. TR3-2018-VS", a Notice Inviting Bids to furnish and deliver one (1) Power Transformer to the Public Utilities Department, due to a typographical error in technical specifications.

14) Amendment No. 1 to the Services Agreement between the City of Vernon and So Cal Land Maintenance, Inc., for Grounds Maintenance Services (Contract CS-0601)

Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the proposed amendment to the Agreement with So Cal Land Maintenance is exempt from the 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-0601 for the purpose of providing a ninety (90) day extension to the Agreement with So Cal Land Maintenance and increasing the existing not-to-exceed amount of $96,600 by an additional $8,055, for a total contract value of $104,655; and

C. Authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract CS-0601, in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, extending the termination date of the Agreement with So Cal Land Maintenance to September 30, 2018.

15) Master Encroachment Agreement No. 428 between the City of Vernon and Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC

Recommendation: A. Find that the approval of the Master Encroachment Agreement (the “Agreement”) is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and

B. Approve Master Encroachment Agreement No. 428 between the City of Vernon and Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC, in substantially the same form as submitted herewith; and

C. Authorize the City Administrator to execute Agreement No. 428 between the City of Vernon and Time Warner Cable Information Services (California), LLC.


Recommendation: A. Affirm that the action items related to the work of Aegis ITS for the Traffic Signal Maintenance FY2015 Project are categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15301, because this project only consists of maintenance and repair of the City’s traffic signals and does not involve any expansion of existing facilities; and

B. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Traffic Signal Maintenance 2015 Project in the amount of $12,000 for extraordinary (emergency) work completed and extending the agreement for an additional one hundred twenty (120) days to ensure coverage of any outstanding invoices: and

C. Authorize the City Administrator to execute Change Order No. 1 in substantially the same form as submitted herewith; and
D. Accept the work of Aegis ITS as related to the Traffic Signal Maintenance FY 2015 Project, Contract No. CS-0541, and authorize the staff to submit the Notice of Completion for the project to the County of Los Angeles Recorder's Office.

17) Acceptance of Work related to Contract CS-0804 - Citywide Slurry Seal, Phase V Project, Completed by Petrochem Materials Innovation, LLC (PMI) 
Recommendation: A. Affirm that accepting the work of Petrochem Materials Innovation, LLC, for the Citywide Slurry Seal, Phase V Project, Contract No. CS-0804, 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 Petrochem Materials Innovations, LLC (PMI) as related to the Citywide Slurry Seal, Phase V Project, Contract No. CS-0804, and authorize staff to submit the Notice of Completion for the project to the County of Los Angeles Recorder's Office.

18) Public Works Department July 2018 Monthly Building Report 
Recommendation: A. Receive and File.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Luz Martinez and seconded by Leticia Lopez to approve Consent Calendar items 7 through 18. 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: various Fire Department incidents throughout the City; The Battle of La Mesa Plaque Dedication Ceremony; Police Department participation in the South East Motor Coalition; Family Game Night and Open Streets Community Events.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez spoke about the La Mesa Event.

City Administrator Fandino spoke about upcoming Halloween and Christmas community outreach events as pictures of the August community events were displayed.

Mayor Woodruff-Perez inquired about voter registration at the events, City Clerk Ayala provided information on Voter Registration outreach and education efforts conducted by the Office of the City Clerk.

The City Council entered closed session at 9:47 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

19) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Number of potential cases: 1

At 10:07 a.m. the City Council exited closed session. City Attorney Hema Patel reported that of the one item was discussed, no reportable action was taken.
City Clerk Ayala announced that a State Resolution No. 683 commemorating the Battle of La Mesa Dedication Ceremony was delivered by Julia Juarez, representative of State Senator Ricardo Lara in recognition of the City’s recent plaque installation ceremony.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, at 10:08 a.m., Mayor Woodruff-Perez adjourned the meeting.

Yvette Woodruff-Perez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala
City Clerk