CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Ybarra. Council Member Menke led the Flag Salute

Members Present: Melissa Ybarra, Leticia Lopez, William Davis, Carol Menke
Members Absent: None

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Interim City Clerk Harrington announced there were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment provided.

PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of Retired Employee - Jose M. Cervantes, Warehouse Worker, Senior

   **Recommendation:** A. Acknowledge and present a proclamation to retired employee Jose M. Cervantes, Warehouse Worker, Senior, in recognition of his dedicated service to the City of Vernon.

   Interim City Clerk Harrington read the proclamation in recognition of retired employee Jose M. Cervantes, Warehouse Worker, Senior, who was not in attendance.

2. A Proclamation Declaring September 21, 2019 as "Arbor Day" in the City of Vernon

   **Recommendation:** A. Acknowledge and announce a Proclamation declaring Saturday, September 21, 2019 as “Arbor Day” in the City of Vernon.

   Interim City Clerk Harrington read the proclamation declaring September 21, 2019 as "Arbor Day" in the City of Vernon.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No Public Comment provided.

It was moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lopez to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 3 through 10. Motion carried, 4 - 0.
Yes: Melissa Ybarra, Leticia Lopez, William Davis, Carol Menke
No: None

3. Ratification of Warrant Registers to Record Voided Checks

4. Approval of Operating Account Warrant Register No. 29 Covering the Period of August 13 through August 26, 2019

5. Fire Department Activity Report for the Period of August 1 through August 15, 2019

6. Approve the Purchase of Two (2) Motorola All Band Consolettes for Inter-Agency Operability and Back-Up Capability

7. Vernon Police Department Activity Log and Statistical Summary for the period of July 16 through July 31, 2019

8. Award of Construction Contract to FS Contractors, Inc. for Contract No. CS-1130: Concrete Yards at Furlong Properties

9. Acceptance of work of Covello’s Pacific AirCare, Inc. regarding Contract No. CS-1072 – City Hall Duct Cleaning


NEW BUSINESS

11. Letter of Opposition to SB 266 (Leyva) Requiring Cities to Pay for Overcalculation of PERS Benefits

   **Recommendation:** A. Find that approval of the letter in opposition to Senate Bill 266 (Leyva) 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. Approve the letter in opposition to Senate Bill 266 (Leyva) and authorize the Mayor to execute the letter on behalf of the City.

City Administrator Fandino reported on the Letter of Opposition to Senate Bill 266 (Leyva).

No Public Comment provided.

It was moved by Council Member Menke and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lopez to: A. Find that approval of the letter in opposition to Senate Bill 266 (Leyva) 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. Approve the letter in opposition
to Senate Bill 266 (Leyva) and authorize the Mayor to execute the letter on behalf of the City. Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Yes: Melissa Ybarra, Leticia Lopez, William Davis, Carol Menke
No: None

12. Approval of Dispatch Services Agreement with Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County

Recommendation: A. Find that the approval proposed action 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 a Services Agreement with Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (hereinafter referred to as the “Fire District”), in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, to provide dispatch services at a rate of $40.13 per incident in addition to start-up costs (annual dispatch service cost estimated to be $73,438 and start-up transition costs estimated to be $333,856); and

C. Authorize the Mayor to execute a Services Agreement with the Fire District, to provide dispatch services to the City of Vernon with a tentative effective date of October 21, 2019; and

D. Authorize for the termination of the current dispatch services agreement with the City of Burbank, the City of Glendale and the City of Pasadena (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Verdugo Cities”) effective the day after the dispatch service agreement with Fire District takes effect.

Fire Chief English reported on the proposed Approval of Dispatch Services Agreement with Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County.

No public comment provided

It was moved by Council Member Menke and seconded by Council Member Davis to: A. Find that the approval proposed action 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. Approve a Services Agreement with Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (hereinafter referred to as the “Fire District”), in substantially the same form as submitted herewith, to provide dispatch services at a rate of $40.13 per incident in addition to start-up costs (annual dispatch service cost estimated to be $73,438 and start-up transition costs estimated to be $333,856); C. Authorize the Mayor to execute a Services Agreement with the Fire District, to provide dispatch services to the City of Vernon with a tentative effective date of October 21, 2019; and D. Authorize for the termination of the current dispatch services agreement with the City of Burbank, the City of Glendale and the City of Pasadena
(hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Verdugo Cities”) effective the day after the dispatch service agreement with Fire District takes effect. Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Yes: Melissa Ybarra, Leticia Lopez, William Davis, Carol Menke
No: None

13. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vernon Approving the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Vernon and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 47 (IBEW)

Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the attached resolution in this staff report 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. Adopt the attached resolution approving the 2019-2022 Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Vernon and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 47 (IBEW).

Director of Human Resources Earl reported on the Resolution approving the 2019-2022 Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Vernon and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 47 (IBEW).

No Public Comment provided.

It was moved by Council Member Menke and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lopez to: A. Find that approval of the attached resolution in this staff report 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. Adopt the attached resolution approving the 2019-2022 Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Vernon and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 47 (IBEW). Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Yes: Melissa Ybarra, Leticia Lopez, William Davis, Carol Menke
No: None

14. A Resolution Adopting an Amended and Restated Citywide Fringe Benefits and Salary Resolution in Accordance with Government Code Section 20636(b)(1) and Repealing All Resolutions in Conflict Therewith

Recommendation: A. Find that approval of the attached resolution in this staff report 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. Adopt the attached resolution amending and restating the Citywide Fringe Benefits and Salary Resolution to:
1) Amend Exhibit A - Classification and Compensation Plan

Director of Human Resources Earl reported on the Resolution Adopting an Amended and Restated Citywide Fringe Benefits and Salary Resolution in Accordance with Government Code Section 20636(b)(1).

No Public Comment provided.

It was moved by Council Member Davis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Lopez to: A. Find that approval of the attached resolution in this staff report 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. Adopt the attached resolution amending and restating the Citywide Fringe Benefits and Salary Resolution to: 1) Amend Exhibit A - Classification and Compensation Plan. Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Yes: Melissa Ybarra, Leticia Lopez, William Davis, Carol Menke

No: None

ORAL REPORTS

Police Chief Miranda reported on the following: on August 22nd, Vernon PD Officer detained a subject and placed him on a 72-hour mental health evaluation; on August 23rd, Vernon PD conducted a DUI check point; on August 24th, Vernon PD arrested two suspects for burglary; on August 28th, Vernon PD assisted Huntington Park Officers to locate, detain, and arrest two suspects for grant theft.

Fire Chief English reported on the following: on August 30th, Vernon FD responded to a reported traffic collision; RA78 with three paramedics and a Firefighter transported a mother and infant to County/USC Medical Center. Los Angeles County Squad 164 provided medical treatment for patients in the second vehicle involved in the traffic collision, Vernon Fire staff implemented our Critical Incident Stress Management Team due to the circumstances of the incident.

Interim General Manager of Public Utilities reported that on August 26th, Vernon Public Utilities experienced a power outage due to metallic balloons.

Health and Environmental Control Department Program Administrator Petrosyan reported that on August 22nd, Health Department and Industrial Environmental Association (IEA) hosted a workshop which included a tour of rPlanet, Council Member Menke and Vernon Chamber of Commerce Marissa Olguin attended the workshop tour.

Interim City Clerk Harrington reported that on September 12th, the Office of the City Clerk will be mailing out the ballots for the October 15, 2019, Special Municipal Election.

City Administrator Fandino reported on the following: upcoming Free Tree Workshop on September 14th and City’s first Tree Planting Arbor Day Event on September 21, 2019.
CLOSED SESSION

City Council entered Closed Session at 9:28 a.m.

15. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
   Government Code Section 54957.6

   Agency Designated Representative: Carlos Fandino, City Administrator

   Employee Organizations:
   Teamsters Local 911,
   Vernon Professional Firefighters Association, and
   Vernon Fire Management Association

16. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (2)
   Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

   Bicent (California) Malburg LLC et al. v. City of Vernon et al.,
   Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. 19STCV08859 and 19STCP02411

   City of Vernon v. Bicent (California) Malburg LLC et al.
   JAMS Reference No. 1220062657

At 10:31 a.m. City Council exited Closed Session. City Attorney Patel reported the cases were discussed with City Council with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 10:31 a.m., Mayor Ybarra adjourned the meeting.

Melissa Ybarra
Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah A. Harrington
Interim City Clerk