

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CERRITOS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HELD ON JULY 7, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CERRITOS CITY HALL, 18125 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Roger Garrett, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ryan Carey, Advance Planning Manager.

4. Roll Call

The following members of the City Council/Successor Agency were in attendance:

Council/Agency Member Bruce Barrows
Council/Agency Member Joseph Cho, Ph.D.
Council/Agency Member George Ray
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Carol Chen
Mayor/Chair Mark E. Pulido

5. Presentations/Appointments

Proclamations were presented as follows:

Whitney High School Students Adriane Tam, Connie Wu, and Fidella Wu
(Read-A-Thon Fundraiser benefitting the Cerritos Public Library).

6. Public Comments and Suggestions

Chumnon Nimtragool expressed concerns regarding the tree on her property.

7. Consent Calendar

7A. Approval of the Register of Demands for the City of Cerritos dated July 7, 2014 (COUNCIL)

MOTION: It was moved by Barrows, and seconded by Ray, to approve the Register of Demands dated July 7, 2014 in the total amount of \$4,083,439.51. The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Barrows, Cho, Ray, Chen, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7B. Approval of the Register of Demands for the Successor Agency dated July 7, 2014 (SUCCESSOR AGENCY)

MOTION: It was moved by Barrows, and seconded by Ray, to approve the Register of Demands dated July 7, 2014 in the total amount of \$16,362,598.96. The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Barrows, Cho, Ray, Chen, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7C. Approval of the City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2014. (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY)

MOTION: It was moved by Barrows, and seconded by Ray, to adopt the minutes of the City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting of June 26, 2014. The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Barrows, Cho, Ray, Chen, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7D. Approval of the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending May 31, 2014. (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY)

MOTION: It was moved by Barrows, and seconded by Ray, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending May 31, 2014. The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Barrows, Cho, Ray, Chen, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

8. Public Hearings

None.

9. New and Old Business

9A. Review and consideration of the Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code (COUNCIL/AGENCY/FINANCING AUTHORITY)

A staff report was given by Vida Barone, City Clerk.

The Mayor opened public comments. Noting there were no members of the public who elected to speak, the Mayor closed public comments.

9. New and Old Business (continued)

9A. (continued)

MOTION: It was moved by Chen, and seconded by Barrows, to direct the City Clerk to commence review of the conflict of interest codes and report back to the City Council with notice of anticipated changes prior to October 1, 2014. The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Barrows, Cho, Ray, Chen, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

9B. Review and consideration of potential participation by the City of Cerritos in the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) Transit Access Program (TAP) (COUNCIL)

A staff report was given by Kristin Aguila, Associate Planner.

The Mayor opened public comments.

Katherine Chu spoke in support of the program.

Ram Kakkar expressed concerns regarding his experience with transit connectivity.

Noting there were no further members of the public who elected to speak, the Mayor closed public comments.

MOTION: It was moved by Chen, and seconded by Barrows, to direct staff to continue to work with Metro for future participation in the TAP program. The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Barrows, Cho, Ray, Chen, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CONSENSUS (Barrows): Direct staff to provide Council with a report on addressing transit connectivity issues, including associated costs, and a review the existing COW route to maximize connectivity with other means of transit.

9C. Review and consideration of a public artwork donation from the Picerne Group in accordance with the City of Cerritos policy for accepting donated artwork/collectibles for public display

Review and consideration of potential sites to install the art piece, "Ocean Dancer," in the Cerritos Civic Center generally located on the northwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street (APN 7025-028-904, 7025-028-905, 7025-028-906, 7025-028-907, 7025-028-908) (COUNCIL)

A staff report was given by Kathy Matsumoto, Assistant City Manager. A PowerPoint Presentation was displayed.

9. New and Old Business (continued)

9C. (continued)

The Mayor opened public comments.

Ram Kakkar spoke in opposition to this item.

Noting there were no further members of the public who elected to speak, the Mayor closed public comments.

MOTION: It was moved by Barrows, and seconded by Chen, to approve and accept the donation of fine art from the Picerne Group. The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Barrows, Cho, Ray, Chen, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CONSENSUS (Chen): Direct staff to return the Ocean Dancer statue location review to the Fine Arts and Historical Commission.

10. Legislative Items

10A. Report on pending legislation

None.

10B. Review and consideration to support or oppose specific legislation in the State or Federal legislature or in the State or Federal Executive Office for signature.

None.

11. City Council Communications/Committee Reports/Report on Meetings

Reports were provided by Council Members Cho, Ray, and Barrows, Mayor Pro Tem Chen and Mayor Pulido.

CONSENSUS (Ray): Direct staff to provide Council with a status report within the next month regarding the projected cost savings and implementation procedure for eliminating retirement and medical benefits for future City Councilmembers.

CONSENSUS (Ray): Direct staff to provide Council with a status report within the next month regarding the bid for legal advertising.

CONSENSUS (Ray): Direct staff to provide Council with a status report within the next month regarding the status of the various Consensus items.

12. Closed Session

Assistant City Attorney Adrian Guerra announced the City Council would recess to Closed Session to discuss Item 12A, described as follows:

12A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Personnel matters pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:
Agency Negotiators: Art Gallucci, Denise Manoogian and Patricia Leyva
Employee Organization: Full-Time and Part-Time Bargaining Units, AFSCME, Local 619.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council reconvened into Open Session.

Assistant City Attorney Adrian Guerra reported the City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss Item 12A. Direction was given to staff, no reportable action was taken, and there was nothing further to report.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk/
Agency Secretary

/s/Mark E. Pulido
Mark E. Pulido, Mayor/Chair

Approved: July 24, 2014