

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CERRITOS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2019, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 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 Bishop David Montgomery, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints – First Ward.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City of Cerritos Recreation Services Division Youth Basketball Pee Wee Division team - Lakers.

4. Roll Call

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

Council/Agency Member Jim Edwards
Council/Agency Member Grace Hu
Council/Agency Member Frank A. Yokoyama
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Naresh Solanki
Mayor/Chair Mark E. Pulido

5. Presentations/Appointments

None.

6. Public Comments and Suggestions

Joy De La Paz spoke regarding updating the City's parking permit program and a recent local newspaper article.

Yanet Lindher spoke regarding updating the City's parking permit program.

Gail Grossman spoke regarding perceived actions of City Councilmembers.

Mel Cortez expressed concerns regarding the City budget, a member of the Economic Development Commission, and a recent local newspaper article.

Cresinni Tan spoke regarding updating the City's parking permit program.

Daisy Legasca expressed concern regarding communication at a recent City Council meeting and regarding an Economic Development Commission member.

Erik Schulte spoke regarding the City's parking permit program.

Rich Gardner spoke regarding Alzheimer's awareness.

Christopher Craig, representing the Office of Assembly member Cristina Garcia, announced upcoming events.

6. Public Comments and Suggestions (continued)

Martin Grossman spoke regarding the annual Mayoral transition.

Jay Gray spoke regarding perceived actions of City Councilmembers, a member of the Economic Development Commission and Alzheimer's awareness.

Jane Yim spoke regarding perceived actions of an Economic Development Commission member and a local newspaper.

Sam Desai spoke regarding perceived actions of an Economic Development Commission member and a local newspaper.

Anantha Ramachandran spoke regarding Alzheimer's awareness.

Omkar Hanamsagar, Whitney High School student, spoke regarding enhancing learning technology in the classroom.

Rebeca Carlin spoke regarding discontinuing delivery of a local newspaper.

CONSENSUS (Pulido): Directed staff to evaluate opportunities to designate the City of Cerritos as a "Dementia-Friendly Purple City" and provide information regarding the City of Riverside "wandering" policy.

7. Consent Calendar

Items under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council/Agency Member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

7A. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018 (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

MOTION: It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to approve the City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018 (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Hu, Yokoyama, Solanki, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7B. Approval of the Register of Demands

7B.1. Approval of the Register of Demands for the City of Cerritos dated January 10, 2019 (COUNCIL).

MOTION: It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to approve the Register of Demands as follows:

City of Cerritos 1/10/2019 \$11,062,432.65 (COUNCIL)

7. Consent Calendar (continued)

7B.1. (continued)

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Hu, Yokoyama, Solanki, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7B.2. Approval of the Register of Demands for the Successor Agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency dated January 10, 2019 (SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

MOTION: It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to approve the Register of Demands as follows:

Successor Agency 1/10/2019 \$ 13,509.00 (SUCCESSOR AGENCY)

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Hu, Yokoyama, Solanki, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

7C. Approval of Treasurer's Reports

Approval of the City Council/Successor Agency Treasurer's reports for the period ending November 30, 2018 (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

MOTION: It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to approve the City Council/Successor Agency Treasurer's reports for the period ending November 30, 2018 (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Hu, Yokoyama, Solanki, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

8. Public Hearings

None.

9. New and Old Business

9A. Review and consideration of the potential for the Cerritos electric utility to serve residential customers (COUNCIL).

A staff report was given by Ramzi Raufdeen, Electric Utility Manager. A PowerPoint presentation was displayed.

The Mayor opened public comments.

9. New and Old Business (continued)

9A. (continued)

Anantha Ramachandran spoke regarding additional clarification of kilowatt or megawatt price per unit for each of the agencies (Magnolia, Edison, and market).

Mel Cortez expressed support for any benefit for Cerritos residents.

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

MOTION: It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Hu, to:

1. Direct staff to finalize their review of service options to serve the City's residents, including the option for residents to choose renewable power; and
2. Authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 toward legal fees and technical studies necessary for the required discussions with Southern California Edison, the California Energy Commission and any additional regulatory agencies; and
3. Allocate funding from the approved legal services account in the 2018-19 fiscal year budget toward the legal fees and technical studies (COUNCIL).

The motion carried (5– 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Hu, Yokoyama, Solanki, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

9B. Review and consideration of an informational report on the Property Preservation Commission's review of the potential pine tree reforestation plan (COUNCIL).

A staff report was given by Todd Kuh, Parks Superintendent. A PowerPoint presentation was displayed.

The Mayor opened public comments.

Laura Oglesby requested relocating the existing pine trees, as opposed to destroying them and recommended replacing the pine trees with Chinese Pistache, Long Leaf Yellow Wood, and Red Oak trees.

Carissa Cordero expressed support for removal of the pine trees.

Bryan Thornhill expressed concern regarding sap and pine needles from the pine trees and supports the removal of the pine trees.

Jonathan Cordero suggested the City contact lumber companies in order to reduce the cost of the pine tree removal.

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

9. New and Old Business (continued)

9B. (continued)

MOTION: It was moved by Solanki, and seconded by Yokoyama, to file the staff report and continue to defer to the Property Preservation Commission for a final decision (COUNCIL).

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Hu, Yokoyama, Solanki, Pulido
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

10. Legislative Items

None.

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

Cerritos Sheriff Station Captain Joe Nunez provided an update on progress made with regard to public safety and the homicide that occurred on the 91 freeway August 17, 2018.

Reports were provided by Councilmembers Edwards, Hu, and Yokoyama, Mayor Pro-Tem Solanki, and Mayor Pulido.

CONSENSUS (Solanki): Directed staff to place an item on a future agenda to discuss a Request for Proposals process for all legal services.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. in memory of Amos Williams, Bruce Mulhearn, Nicolas Latz, and Satya Paul Jandial.

ATTEST:

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

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

APPROVED: January 24, 2019