



City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Meeting Minutes

City Council / Housing Authority / Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

*Mayor Tim Sandoval
Council Member Rubio R. Gonzalez
Council Member Adriana M. Robledo
Council Member Cristina Carrizosa
Council Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Council Member Ginna E. Escobar
Vice Mayor Robert S. Torres*

VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

Monday, April 30, 2018

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting - Workshop

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval
Council Member Rubio Gonzalez (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Council Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Council Member Ginna E. Escobar
Council Member Robert Torres

Absent: Council Member Cristina Carrizosa
Council Member Adriana Robledo

STAFF PRESENT:

Linda Lowry, City Manager
Andrew Jared, Assistant City Attorney
Eva M. Buice, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sandoval led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Discuss proposed increases to the water utility rates and the proposed implementation of a new Water Resources Department (WRD) Strategic Plan;

Water Resources Director Poulsen provided an overview of the draft comprehensive Strategic Plan that detailed the future needs of the WRD with regards to Customer Service, Public Outreach, Financial Responsibility, Operations, and capital improvement planning. He also provided an overview of the Rate Study and proposed new utility rates, the current laws regarding the setting of rates and the process that was used to develop those rates.

Councilmember Escobar suggested that once implemented that the plan be brought back to the City Council for review every six months for the first year, and annually thereafter.

Vice Mayor Torres requested that staff bring the draft back for review 30-45 days in advance of City Council approval.

Mayor Sandoval stressed that it was critical to hold community meetings to inform the public of the increase in rates.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole inquired and Director Poulsen informed that should a Utility Users Tax increase be approved by the voters, that it would affect the utility rates.

Councilmember Escobar asked that the City's water rights history be included in the community presentation.

There was consensus to hold community meetings in each district in the City as well as meetings with parent leagues, and other community groups to disseminate the information to the community, as well as utilizing social media notifications, with a goal of issuing the Proposition 218 notifications by August 6, 2018, having the required first and second readings during October, and the proposed rate increases taking effect January 1, 2019. Staff was directed to provide an update every six months during the first year, and annually thereafter.

Mayor Sandoval requested that copies of the presentation be provided to each of the City Councilmembers, along with a timeline of the process, and to provide an update on the process at a future City Council meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public speakers.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed into Closed Session at 5:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

EVA BUICE, MMC
City Clerk/Secretary of the Pomona
Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the
the Redevelopment Agency

TIM SANDOVAL
Mayor/Chair of the Pomona
Housing Authority/Successor Agency to
Redevelopment Agency