

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and City Attorney Karl H. Berger led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Ray C. Luna, Councilmember John T. Procter, Councilmember Dr. Gabino Aguirre, Vice Mayor Ralph J. Fernandez, and Mayor Robert S. Gonzales responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, Deputy City Clerk Lorena Alvarez, Peggy Kelly from the Santa Paula Times, and Kathleen Wilson from the Ventura County Star were also present. City Clerk Josie Guzman Herrera was absent.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Karl H. Berger communicated that the Regular City Council Meeting of April 7, 2008, was continued to today's date, but due to the Brown Act requirements, today's meeting was re-noticed as a special meeting.

Councilmember Luna reminded the Council and the public of the process the Council has gone through in selecting a firm to build the new Water Recycling Facility and the affects the process has had on his personal life.

Vice Mayor Fernandez thanked the Council and the staff for their dedication and support in selecting the new Water Recycling Facility.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Luna, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez to approve the final agenda as presented. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Water Recycling Facility – Selection of Team to Design, Build, and Operate and Finance the New Recycling Facility (WRF)

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, WRF Project Manager Clifford G. Finley, and Finance Director John T. Quinn's report dated April 13, 2008.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz reminded the Council that staff must inform the Regional Water Quality Control Board that a firm has been selected by the end of the business day. Mr. Bobkiewicz also informed the Council that staff had received an additional email with additional cost numbers from PERC at 12:30 p.m. on April 15, 2008.

Bob Vilker, Corollo Engineers, spoke in regards to the additional information received from both Veolia Water North America and PERC, and provided the Council with a comparison of the qualifications of both firms.

Robb Grantham, FCS Group, spoke in regards the financial options and risks associated with the Veolia Water North America and PERC proposal

Robert Ashfield, Veolia Water North America, provided the Council with a summary of the best and final offers they provided to the City and reminded the Council that Veolia's proposal will provide the lowest rates to the community.

Stan Simmons, Lyles Construction, spoke in regard to his company's past experience in working with Veolia. Mr. Simmons also spoke in regards to his company's professional hands-on experience.

Chuck Fenta, spoke in regards to the technical support and resources that will be available to City staff through Veolia constructing the Water Recycling Plant.

Brian Cullen, PERC, provided a Powerpoint presentation and spoke in regards to the current best and final offer submitted to the City and the buyout options that will be available to the City. Mr. Cullen also clarified the role Blois Construction will have in the building of the new Wastewater Recycling Facility.

Johan Perslow, Chairman and Founder of PERC, spoke in regards to the benefits of the proposal submitted by PERC.

Steve Owen, PERC, reiterated their proposal to the Council and discussed the benefits and the guarantees of their proposal.

Philip Dyk, Alinda, compared their finance proposal to the finance proposal submitted by Veolia Water North America.

Brian Cullen, PERC, made a commitment to the Council to increase the Water Recycling Facility from a 2.2 MGD to a 4.2 MGD at no additional cost to the City.

Clay Westling, 338 Condor Court, Fillmore, spoke in support of PERC.

Ken Chapman, Todd Lane, spoke in support of PERC.

Richard Main, 15888 Foothill, spoke in support of PERC.

Gayle Washburn, 123 Surry Way, Fillmore, spoke in support of PERC.

Jim Blois, Blois Construction, spoke in support of PERC and described the role his company will have in constructing the new Water Recycling Facility in partnership with PERC.

RECESS TO A BREAK

Mayor Gonzales recessed the City Council to a break at 4:08 p.m.

RECONVENED TO REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Gonzales reconvened the City Council at 4:32 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Luna, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez to approve PERC's Water Recycling Facility proposal as amended and to direct staff to finalize negotiations with PERC to Design, Build, Operate, and Finance the new Water Recycling Facility. Under roll call vote Mayor Gonzales, Vice Mayor Fernandez, and Councilmember Luna were in favor. Councilmember Aguirre and Councilmember Procter opposed. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Mayor Gonzales to consider establishing a procedure for dealing with last and final offers. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Mayor Gonzales to have the Council consider hosting the next League of California Cities Channel Division dinner in Santa Paula. All were in favor under roll call vote, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre for a policy discussion on digital documents provided to the Council by City staff and consultants. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre to discuss establishing sewer rates based on water consumption. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Josie Guzman Herrera
City Clerk