

MINUTES

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IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY

FEBRUARY 5, 2014

Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR JANNEY called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers present:	Bilbray, Spriggs (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Bragg
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor Present:	Janney
Mayor Pro Tem Present:	Patton
Staff Present:	City Manager Hall, City Attorney Lyon, City Clerk Hald, Public Safety Director Clark, Public Safety Director Levien

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR JANNEY led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES

None.

MAYOR / COUNCIL REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE / COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENTS AND COMMITTEES

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG reported that at the MTS meeting of January 16, 2014, the Board exercised an option to utilize security on the Blue Line.

MAYOR PRO TEM PATTON reported that he and Councilmember Bilbray had meetings with the Sports Park Task Force and was hopeful that more information will be brought forward for City Council's consideration in the near future.

MAYOR JANNEY thanked everyone for attending the State of the City Address.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

JUNE ENGEL, I.B. Library Branch Manager, announced the launch of the Homework Club where Mar Vista High School students help elementary school students with their homework. She also spoke about the launch of the AARP Tax Help service where free tax help is available to seniors and low income people. She announced that two members of her staff were promoted.

CHUCK QUISENBERRY stated that he was thankful for the placement of the electronic sign announcing the City Council meeting.

KAYLI DAVIDSON requested a change to the City's ordinance to allow for short term rentals.

BRIAN BARRETO, External Affairs Manager, California American Water, announced that there will be a rate increase of approximately 22% to the average customer. He explained that as a result of the increase in cost for water from the City of San Diego, the increase on California American Water customers will be a direct water purchase pass-through. He announced an open house will be held on February 26th in the Community Room where California American Water staff will be available to assist customers with questions about their bills and also determine the impacts of the rate increase.

MAYOR JANNEY expressed disappointment that the City was not given advanced notice of the rate increase and asked that the City be given advanced notice in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS stated that he would raise concern about the lack of notice and transparency with regard to the rate increase at the upcoming Metro JPA meeting.

PRESENTATIONS (1)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2.1-2.4)

MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY BILBRAY, TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 2.1 THRU 2.4. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.1 MINUTES.

Approved the minutes of the November 20, 2013 Special City Council Meeting and the December 18, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting.

2.2 RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER. (0300-25)

Ratified the following registers: Accounts Payable Numbers 83814 through 83935 with a subtotal amount of \$971,301.67 and Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits 45713 through 45735 for a subtotal amount of \$152,389.35 for a total amount of \$1,123,691.02.

2.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7450 RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER BACKUP EQUIPMENT TO CPACINC.COM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,716.48. (1110-05)

Adopted resolution.

2.4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7449 RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S SIGNATURE ON THE MOU BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND IMPERIAL BEACH REGARDING URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT OF \$964.13. (0250-63 & 0390-88)

Adopted resolution.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING (3)

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (4)

None.

REPORTS (5.1-5.3)

5.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7447 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, IMPERIAL COUNTY, OTHER CITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS IN THE REGION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (NextGen RCS). (0800-30)

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR CLARK reported on the item.

In response to Councilmember Spriggs' question regarding the high cost for the system, SUE WILLY, Regional Communications Systems Manager, explained that the system is one of the largest in California and that the size of the system and the number of radios drive up costs. She also stated that costs will be lowered by utilizing grants and by spreading the costs among all the agencies using the system.

MAYOR PRO TEM PATTON stated that the radios are one of the tools needed to help keep Imperial Beach safe.

MOTION BY SPRIGGS, SECOND BY PATTON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7447 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA TO PARTICIPATE AS A PARTNER OF THE NEXT GENERATION REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (RCS) WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNING, FUNDING, ACQUIRING AND IMPLEMENTING A REPLACEMENT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE REGION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7448 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER VIA HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE 2013 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT AWARDED TO THE IMPERIAL BEACH FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 24, 2014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING FOUR (4) TEMPORARY FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC POSITIONS TO ACHIEVE NFPA 1710 COMPLIANCE AND TO ENHANCE RESPONSE CAPABILITIES. (0390-88 & 0510-05)

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR CLARK reported on the item. He also responded to questions of City Council regarding the AFG grant for a Rescue Squad Vehicle. Should the AFG grant be denied, staff will return to City Council with a reduced cost alternative for a vehicle with the equipment handled separately.

MOTION BY BILBRAY, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7448 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER VIA HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE 2013 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT AWARDED TO THE IMPERIAL BEACH FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 24, 2014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING FOUR (4) TEMPORARY FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC POSITIONS TO ACHIEVE NFPA 1710 COMPLIANCE AND TO ENHANCE RESPONSE CAPABILITIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7451 APPROVING CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) WHICH INCLUDES THE CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST, MAJOR MAINTENANCE INVENTORY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PLANNING DOCUMENTS LIST AND APPROVING A TWO YEAR IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE. (0330-35)

CITY MANAGER HALL gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the item.

CHUCK QUISENBERRY stated that it is a good idea to have a plan. He expressed concern about spending \$300,000 to light a small portion of Seacoast Drive while spending 1/6 of that amount to light up the rest of the City. He was opposed to hiring more consultants, conducting more studies, eliminating parking, having tennis courts, and spending \$50,000 on a roundabout experiment. He supported the installation of more sidewalks.

MARK CAMOZZI requested that his portion of the alley get paved.

BRIAN PHILLIP BILBRAY stated that in the past each property owner paid for the paving of their own alleys. He further stated that to select certain alleys for paving may be problematic unless an enterprise fund is established. He spoke in support for consideration of roundabouts.

MAYOR PRO TEM PATTON supported the use of an all-call system.

In response to Councilmember Bragg, MAYOR JANNEY stated that the City Council's committee on alleys examined the possibility of going out for another vote for an alley assessment district. It was determined that it would be difficult to get a favorable vote so the matter was added to the CIP for consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG commented that there was a positive domino effect with respect to improvements to areas where there were projects funded under the Façade Improvement and Clean and Green Programs.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS commended the City Manager and staff for their efforts on the CIP. He spoke in support for using a fund, particularly the Strategic Capital Reserve Fund, on projects that generate and support economic activity and have a return on investments. He spoke in support for addressing the alley paving issue and suggested the use of funds that are used for street improvements such as Gas Tax Funds, TransNet, or the Public Works Projects Reserves. He also suggested other options to help make alley paving possible such as having the City pay for a portion of the cost with the property owners paying for the rest, looking at lower cost paving materials such as asphalt and allowing the property owners to participate in solving the alley paving issue. He asked that staff return with other alley paving options for City Council's consideration.

CITY MANAGER HALL responded that the subcommittee did not put together a plan for how to address the alley problem. He said that funding is available and staff will return with priorities and suggestions on how to address the alley issue.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN reported on the public workshops for the Elm Avenue Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Calming Accommodations project. Should this project be approved as part of the CIP, he anticipated meeting with the public again and presenting information to City Council in the future. He reported on the Residential Citywide Lighting Improvements Project.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS stated that the Residential Citywide Lighting Improvements project should be as high a priority as sidewalks and alleys as it is linked to community safety and quality of life. He requested more information on the costs and lighting options.

CITY MANAGER HALL stated that based on City Council's list of high priority CIP projects, staff will return to City Council in the future with detailed information and strategies on how to implement them.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG stated that she would prefer to have the Residential Citywide Lighting Improvements and Alley Improvements Projects raised to the highest priority. She requested that the plans for the Elm Ave. Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Calming Project be presented to City Council in the future.

CITY MANAGER HALL stated that staff will return with a revised resolution that identifies the priorities of City Council.

MAYOR JANNEY suggested that criteria be set in place to assist the City Council with prioritization and guidance for implementing projects. He requested a map of the City showing the locations where there are no sidewalks, He spoke in support for spending Gas Tax Reserves, and for updating/reviewing the Big Picture document.

In response to questions from Councilmember Spriggs, CITY MANAGER HALL stated that staff will return to City Council with the high priority projects and include such information as start time/timeframe and specific details of each project. Staff will also revise the resolution to address funding.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS suggested that staff return with reasonable cost estimates, reasonable timelines and recommendations on what can be accomplished in the years ahead.

I.B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS (6)

None.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (IF ANY)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR JANNEY adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

_____/s/_____
James C. Janney, Mayor

_____/s/_____
Jacqueline M. Hald, MMC
City Clerk