

MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

CLOSED SESSION – Cancelled due to lack of quorum

OPEN SESSION – Mayor Boyles called to order at 6:05 PM

ROLL CALL

Mayor Boyles	-	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Pimentel	-	Present
Council Member Pirsztuk	-	Present
Council Member Nicol	-	Present
Council Member Giroux	-	Present

INVOCATION – Pastor Scott Tannehill, The Bridge Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Council Member Nicol

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Community Services Commendation read by Council Member Giroux for Recreation and Parks Summer Staff.
2. COVID-19 Update given by Acting Fire Chief Deena Lee.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 5-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total)

In Chamber

Shelley Tucker, resident, commented on the Senior Citizens and the need to reinstate the activities and Dial-a-Ride for these residents.

Tiffany Tan, Youth Organizer with Asian American Drug Abuse program and works in partnership with ROAD, commented on youth usage of tobacco and possible banning the sale of flavored tobacco.

Joyce Harris, resident, ROAD Treasurer, commented on usage of flavored tobacco among teenagers and request a ban on sales of such products and ban a cannabis dispensary.

Carola Nott, resident, commented on the ESUSD Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan.

Deborah Deets, resident, continued the comments regarding the ESUSD Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan.

Via Zoom

Corrie Zupo, resident and Environmental Committee member, asked that the Environmental committee be involved regarding item #12 (air monitoring), mentioned her public comment made May 4th on El Segundo's environmental future, frustrated the City hasn't started a lawsuit against the Hyperion Plant and mentioned a resident that is in need of assistance in regard to the Hyperion sewage spill.

Tracy Miller-Zarneke resident and Environmental Committee member, encouraged Council to consider requesting AQMD Monitors in various points around town, including school sites and LAX. Use the recent Hyperion incident to increase awareness and safety of residents.

Alix, Project Coordinator with Behavioral Health Services, Non-Profit, in favor of item #13, banning tobacco use in outdoor public spaces and certain common/open spaces.

Craig Cadwallader, Surfrider Foundation, South Bay Chapter, in favor of item #13, banning tobacco use in outdoor public spaces and certain common/open spaces.

Alma Sanchez, Youth Community Advocates, in favor of item #13, especially in multi-unit housing.

Dominga Pardo, with Smoke Free Torrance/Hermosa Beach Coalition, in favor of item #13, banning tobacco use in outdoor public spaces and certain common/open spaces.

CITY MANAGER FOLLOW-UP COMMENTS:

Mentioned Joslyn Center will re-open September 13, 2021, working on future options for Dial-A-Ride and those who spoke on items 12 and 13 these items will be covered during the meeting. Mark Hensley, City Attorney, commented on legalities of suing the Hyperion Plant. Staff gave a reimbursement update regarding Hyperion.

A. Read all Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda by Title Only.

MOTION by Council Member Giroux, SECONDED by Council Member Nicol to read all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda by title only. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. 5/0

B. CONSENT:

3. Approve Regular City Council Minutes of August 17, 2021 and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021, August 24, 2021 and August 31, 2021.

(Fiscal Impact: None)

4. Approve Warrants Demand Register for August 1, 2021 through August 12, 2021, numbers 3B and 4A and warrant numbers 3036882 through 3037043, and 9002123 through 9002158. Ratify Payroll and employee benefit Checks; Checks released early due to contracts or agreement; Emergency disbursements and/or adjustments; and, Wire transfers.

(Fiscal Impact: \$4,170,928.63 (\$1,166,041.09 in check warrants and \$3,004,887.54 in wire warrants)

5. Adopt Resolution No. 5273 approving plans and specifications for the Police Department women's bathroom remodel and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids. Project No. PW 22-02.

(Fiscal Impact: \$250,000.00)

6. PULLED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PIMENTEL

7. Approve the second amendment to the agreement No. 5611 B with LandCare USA, LLC for an additional \$177,918 for landscape maintenance services and authorize the City Manager to execute the amended agreement.
(Fiscal Impact: \$177,918.00)
8. PULLED BY MAYOR PRO TEM PIMENTEL
9. Authorize use of city property as central venues, permit operation of a beer garden on public property, and approve closure of Main Street (Pine Street to El Segundo Boulevard) and portions of Holly Street, Grand Avenue, and Franklin Avenue for the October 9, 2021 Fair on Richmond Street pending approval of all permits and insurance.
(Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$10,000.00)
10. PULLED BY CITY MANAGER TO THE OCTOBER 5, 2020 MEETING

MOTION by Council Member Giroux, SECONDED by Council Member Pirsztuk, approving Consent Agenda items 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9. Council Member Nicol and Mayor Boyles abstained from item #9. Item #10 was pulled by City Manager. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. 5/0

PULLED ITEMS:

6. Recreation Park Checkout Building Restrooms Rehabilitation Project and Three Civic Center Maintenance and Repair Projects.
(Fiscal Impact: Included in the Adopted FY 2021-2022 General Fund Capital Improvement Program Budget)

Elias Sassoon, Public Works Director, answered Council questions.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Pimentel, SECONDED by Council Member Nicol adopting Resolution No. 5274 and authorize staff to advertise the project for construction bids. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. 5/0

8. Metro Open Streets Grant Application to Bring CicLAvia (One Day Event that includes Activities and Temporary Street Closure to Encourage Biking and Pedestrian use of Public Space) to El Segundo.
(Fiscal Impact: \$ The projected cost is \$240,000.00 for the one-day event (\$350,000.00 from the Metro grant and \$70,000.00 City matching funds/in kind contributions). The City's contribution could be covered by an allocation from the Cultural Development fund in FY 22-23 for the arts and culture aspects of the event)

Melissa McCollum, Community Services Director, answered Council questions.

Council Discussion

No Motion, item failed.

C. PUBLIC HEARING: None

D. STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

11. Update Regarding Cannabis Initiative Petition, Related Tax Measure and Direction to Study Impacts of Commercial Cannabis Activities in the City.
(Fiscal Impact: There will be indirect fiscal impacts to the City's General Fund Budget associated with staff time needed to review the Proposed Cannabis Initiative. Direct fiscal impacts may take place with respect to possible need to hire outside consultants to help review the Proposed Cannabis Initiative. If such consultant assistance is needed, staff may return to City Council for General Fund budget appropriation authority).

Mark Hensley, City Attorney reported on the item.

Council discussion

Council consensus to receive and file the cannabis initiative petition update.

MOTION by Council Member Giroux, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Pimentel authorizing staff to study the impact of commercial cannabis activities in the city and related tax measure. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. 4/1 YES; Boyles, Giroux Pimentel Pirsztuk NO; Nicol

12. Hyperion Incident Update and Request for Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to Install and Maintain an Additional Air Quality Monitoring System.
(Fiscal Impact: None)

Elias Sassoon, Public Works Director introduced the item and gave an update.

Hyperion Officials answered Council's questions; Barbara Romero, LASAN Director and General Manager, Traci Minamide, LASAN Chief Operating Officer, Lisa Mowery, LASAN Chief Financial Officer, Tim Dafeta, LASAN Hyperion Executive Plant Manager, Pamela Perez, LASAN Marketing Director.

Elias Sassoon, Public Works Director reported on the AQMD request to install and maintain an additional air quality monitoring system.

AQMD Officials answered Council's questions; Terrence Mann, Deputy Executive Officer, Compliance & Enforcement, Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Compliance & Enforcement and Jason Low, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Science & Technology Advancement (Monitoring & Analysis)

Council Discussion

Receive and file Hyperion Incident update

MOTION by Council Member Giroux, SECONDED by Council Member Pirsztuk directing staff to request installation and maintenance of additional air quality fence line monitoring systems in the City of El Segundo within close proximity to the Hyperion plant, LAX (Los Angeles Airport) and other applicable areas. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. 5/0

E. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS PRESENTATIONS

13. Smoking Ban in all Outdoor Public Areas and Certain Common/Open Spaces (Fiscal Impact: There will be additional enforcement cost associated for Police Department. This indirect cost of staff time will be absorbed via City's adopted FY 2021-2022 Annual Budget.)

Elias Sassoon, Public Works Director introduced the item.

Tracey Miller-Zarneke, Environmental Committee Co-Chair, gave a presentation.

Council discussion

MOTION by Council Member Nicol, SECONDED by Council Member Pirsztuk directing staff to research and/or draft an Ordinance banning smoking in all outdoor public areas, certain common/open space and ban the sale of flavored tobacco products. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. 4/1 YES; Boyles, Giroux Nicol Pirsztuk NO; Pimentel

14. Announce Appointments to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. (Fiscal Impact: None)

Mayor Boyles appointed Joanna Bowe, Jane Burrell, Brian Mitchell (incumbent), and Joan Palmer to terms expiring June 30, 2023 and Eva Sweeney (incumbent), Tanya Taylor and Neal Von Flue (incumbent) to terms expiring June 30, 2024.

F. REPORTS – CITY CLERK – No report

G. REPORTS – CITY TREASURER – Not present

H. REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Giroux – Wished a rapid recovery to Rick Englehart from Covid-19 and requested an agenized discussion regarding CCB's (Committees, Commissions and Boards) with a list of required state and local and City CCB's and with this list formalize a process for giving direction and guidance.

Council Member Nicol – Invited residents to the El Segundo Citizen Forum with LASAN/Hyperion via Zoom on September 23, 2021 at 6:00 PM, see the City's website for full details. Congratulated the organizers of the El Segundo Art Walk for a fantastic event.

Council Member Pirsztuk – Reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming Special Election on September 14, 2021. Mentioned SB9 and SB10 passed through the Senate and is on the Governor’s desk to sign, reminded residents to participate in Recreation and Parks Needs Assessment Survey, thanked Ron Swanson of S &S Hardware for providing the In and Out truck for City employees in honor of 9/11 and lastly mentioned to the City Manager that a possible ordinance for No Camping be initiated and ajenized.

Mayor Pro Tem Pimentel – Stated both Sanitation Districts are dark in September, League of Cities convention coming up and mentioned the South Bay Coalition of Governments Transportation Task Force will meet later this month.

Mayor Boyles – No report

- I. REPORTS – CITY ATTORNEY – No report
- J. REPORTS/FOLLOW-UP – CITY MANAGER – Mentioned the next City Council meeting will be September 21, 2021. Invited residents to attend the Fire Departments Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Fire Station.

MEMORIALS – None

ADJOURNED at 10:06 PM



Tracy Weaver, City Clerk