MINUTES OCTOBER 28,2021 SPECIAL MEETING ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

AGENDA POSTING:

OCTOBER 27, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER:

Sustainability Administrator – Utilities Reata Kulcsar called to order the meeting of the Environmental Commission Special Meeting to start recording via zoom at 6:37 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Sustainability Administrator - Utilities Reata Kulcsar

ROLL CALL:

Recording Secretary Coria noted the following:

Present:

Commissioners Koons, Gills-Ward, Isiah-

Payne, Taylor, Pulido and Alternate

Commissioner Mack

Absent:

Commissioners Watkins and Hopson and

Alternate Brillantes

Also Present:

Public Works Director Whitman,

Sustainability Administrator - Utilities Kulcsar

and Recording Secretary Coria

INTRODUCTIONS/ PRESENTATIONS:

a. Introduction of Commission Members that were present

b. Introduction of City Staff that were present also including Sanitation Officer Jon

Sakamoto and Lona Laymon from the City Attorney office

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Isa Pulido, resident & City employee, called into zoom to speak on Items 1 & 2. Speaking on Item 1, he wants the person that is nominated for Chair and Vice Chair that will work hard on the environmental issues. Speaking on item 4 on new business wants to see what the City will be doing with the stormwater permit. Wants to work with non-profits and work on getting grants to help with issues in the City.

CONTINUED/ UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City staff states there is none based on the information that was provided from the former staff liaison. Commissioners Pulido and Koons raise concerns that there was unfinished business from their last meeting sometime in 2020. Koons states that there was unfinished business concerning fireworks and that a letter was sent to the City Council in January 2020 to do away with fireworks in the City. Concerns were also shared Inland Star storing hazardous chemicals in the City and the need for an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

VIII (1): ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Staff Recommendation:

RECOMMEND to nominate and elect members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair.

ACTION:

On a motion by Commissioner Gills-Ward, seconded by Commissioner Mack, to nominate Commissioner Pulido as Chair was approved and

unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Pulido, Gills-Ward, Koons, Taylor, and Mack

Noes: None Abstain: Isiah-Payne

Absent: Hopson, Watkins, Brillantes

ACTION:

On a motion by Commissioner Pulido, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to nominate Commissioner Koons as Vice Chair was approved

and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Pulido, Gills-Ward, Koons, Taylor, and Mack

Noes: None Abstain: Isiah-Payne

Absent: Hopson, Watkins, Brillantes

Public Comments:

None

VIII (2): REVIEW DUTIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Staff Recommendation:

RECOMMEND receive and file

ACTION:

No motion was made. Received and filed.

VIII (3): DISCUSS WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Staff Recommendation:

Discuss Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

ACTION: Continued, the Commission Members discussed what to include in the work plan, which included the following:

- Put in place an emergency plan to notify citizens of emergencies
- · Identify polluters in the City
- Update on oil refineries and trash companies in the City and their impact on the City.
- Impacts of truck routes
- Desire for a representative from the public safety commission to meet and discuss the emergency preparedness plan
- Increase tree planting to help with climate change
- Identify mitigation strategies so that the Dominquez Channel issue doesn't happen again.
- Promoting AQMD Rule 1109.1
- Desire to work with other agencies and commissions

Public Comments:

None

VIII (4): ORAL UPDATE FROM CITY STAFF ON STORM WATER PERMIT AND WASTE ORDINANCE

Public Works Director Whitman provide an update on the storm water permit and Sanitation Officer Jon Sakamoto provided an update on the waste ordinance.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner Koons motion to have a special Environmental Commission meeting on November 4th to prep for 1109 letter and wants the commission to be involved with the recycle program. Chair Pulido takes a vote to see if a meeting should be held. Commissioner Taylor states to wait till the next scheduled meeting and Pulido seconds motion.

For upcoming meeting, Pulido wants City Council and City Manager to look into letter for H2S and wants a presentation from Jesse Marquez from Collation for Safe Environment. Vice Chair Koons wants to discuss at the next meeting the Dominguez Channel.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATION:

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

None.

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There being no further discussion, on a motion by Chair Pulido, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held on the 1st day of December 2021, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., via zoom.

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY