

- CC 1. City Council approved the Minutes of the May 2, 2017, Special and Regular Meetings of the City Council/Successor Agency to the Covina Redevelopment Agency/Covina Public Financing Authority/Housing Authority.
- CC 2. City Council/Successor Agency to the Covina Redevelopment Agency approved the payment of Demands in the Amount of \$2,063,156.28.
- CC 4. City Council waived full reading, read by title only, and adopted on second reading **Ordinance 17-06** entitled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Covina, California, Repealing Chapter 9.56 of Title 9 of the Covina Municipal Code Regarding Sex Offender Residency Restrictions.”
- CC 5. City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to Agreement Between the City of Covina and Social Vocational Services, Inc. for Cleaning City Park Areas and Restrooms, in an amount not-to-exceed \$61,620.00 for the three-year period between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2020.
- CC 6. City Council: 1) Accepted the work performed by Condor, Inc., for the amount of \$189,362.00; and 2) Authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion for the Pools and Deck Renovation – Covina Park project.
- CC 7. City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to Agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC for Waste Management Consulting Services.
- CC 8. City Council approved the increase of compensation to Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for legal services provided in Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Motion approved Consent Calendar items CC 1, 2, and 4 – 8 as follows:

AYES: DELACH, KING, LINARES, ALLEN, MARQUEZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

CC 3. City of Covina Red-Light Photo Enforcement Agreement with American Traffic Solutions.

Jen Johnson and George Huang spoke in opposition to the agreement and red-light camera program.

City Manager Saeki explained that the concerns expressed by the public tonight have been taken into consideration; it does take a significant amount of time for an officer to review camera records, so a part-time person is being trained to take over so officers can be in the field; and that the program does not bring in a significant amount of money and does make the intersections safer.

Chief Curley explained that this program is not about generating revenue - it’s about safety, reducing traffic collisions and increasing driver awareness; after nine years, the recidivism rate is 6% – 94% of those cited do not reoffend; 24% of violators are Covina residents per vehicle

registration; staff considered expanding the program to new locations but decided to stick with the intersections which currently have cameras; rear-end collision analysis at these intersections shows very low instances, are not the result of red-light cameras, and statistics nationwide show that 87% of rear-end collisions involve distracted drivers; signals are coordinated and synchronized by Los Angeles County Public Works Lighting Division – Traffic Signal Division and Covina Police Department is not involved; interval timing is set in accordance with state guidelines; in 2016, of 299 right-turn events recorded by the cameras, 24 were cited, confirming Covina’s spirit-of-the law approach; of 12,693 total violations in 2016, 7708 citations were dismissed, and those figures would be reversed if the goal was revenue generation; and Community Service Officer (CSO) staff is being trained for the red-light camera program in order to free up officers.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated his support for continuing this program for safety reasons.

In response to questions from Mayor Marquez, Chief Curley responded that he does not have data on the recidivism rate among Covina residents; and the contract period is for five years due to the staff work involved in renewing the contract, and is reasonable based on the vendor investing in equipment upgrades. City Manager Saeki added that it is good to lock in a price for five years, it takes two years’ time for the vendor to recoup their investment, and after that, the City or vendor can get out of the contract with a 90-day notice.

Councilmember Delach commented that this program started because too many people died and pedestrians were hit by right-turn drivers; that the ticket price is high, but \$490 is a cheap lesson learned rather than taking someone’s life; and saving one life is worth the cost of the program.

Mayor Marquez stated he is not a fan of the program due to giving business to a business that is out-of-state; the State taking \$490 from a person who could be making minimum wage; if the citation amount is reduced, the program could be operating at a loss; and while he wouldn’t mind having cameras for safety reasons, he has a problem with citing people when there wasn’t really a witness to the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated his main issue is saving lives; that having red-light cameras at intersections where there have been problems in the past serves a great purpose; that most of the citation money goes to the County, State, and other entities, not the City; that it does hurt people to pay that amount, but it saves lives; and only those who blatantly run the light are cited.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, seconded by Councilmember King, to approve Consent Calendar item CC 3 as presented.

Councilmember Linares commented he has had some concerns on this matter about how we use our Police force, but is happy to hear we will be using administrative personnel; that it is good to know it’s more spirit-of-the-law enforcement; and that he spent time watching traffic at Grand Avenue and Badillo Street and watched drivers who noticed the camera slow down, and saw those making a quick turn recklessly and was concerned for the safety of pedestrians.

Councilmember King commented he had a neighbor upset about a red-light ticket, but review of the video showed he didn’t try to stop at all, and had there been a pedestrian he would have killed them. He stated that he has no qualms about this program because it does save lives, lower traffic incidents, and makes people stop and think.

Motion approved Consent Calendar items CC 3 as follows:

AYES: DELACH, KING, LINARES, ALLEN
NOES: MARQUEZ
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CC 3. City Council authorized renewal of the existing contract with American Traffic Solutions for red-light photo enforcement for a period of five years with no fee changes to the contract and authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Transit Operations Services – Proposed Professional Services Agreement with PCAM, LLC (dba Parking Company of America) for Transit Operations Services for Covina Dial-a-Ride Program.

The staff report and a PowerPoint presentation were presented by Public Works Director Foster. There was no public comment.

In response to questions from Councilmember King about the ability of this company to conquer past service issues and their experiences with seniors, Public Works Director Foster explained that through the interview process, Parking Company of America stood out due to their emphasis on customer service, being a family-owned business as opposed to a large conglomerate, and having personal service as a priority, which was a strong consideration of the evaluation committee; and had strong references from other communities in dealing with seniors.

PCAM, LLC Director of Operations Aaron Chavez explained the company has been family owned and operated for over 60 years, all members of the corporate team are reachable, they care very much about the communities and individuals they work with, and are locally-based.

A motion was made by Councilmember Delach, seconded by Councilmember King, to authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with PCAM, LLC (dba Parking Company of America) for transit operations services for the Covina Dial-a-Ride Program, in an amount not-to-exceed \$381,627 for FY 2018, \$393,024 for FY 2019, and \$404,724 for FY 2020, with an option for two additional one-year terms upon the mutual agreement of both parties, subject to City Council authorization.

Motion approved New Business item NB 1 as follows:

AYES: DELACH, KING, LINARES, ALLEN, MARQUEZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE