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AGENDA
ITEMS ON FILE FOR CONSIDERATION
AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE LYNWOOD CITY COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON

OCTOBER 1, 2013

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

11330 BULLIS ROAD, LYNWOOD, CA 90262
6:00 P.M.

SALVADOR ALATORRE
MAYOR

RAMON RODRIGUEZ
MAYOR PRO-TEM

JIM MORTON
COUNCILMEMBER

INTERIM CITY MANAGER
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OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CERTIFICATION OF AGENDA POSTING BY CITY CLERK
3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Aide Castro
Jim Morton
Maria T. Santillan-Beas
Ramon Rodriguez
Salvador Alatorre
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. INVOCATION

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM; AND APPROVING APPROPRIATION.”

20. SPECIAL PERMIT REQUEST - CIRCUS

Comments:

Mr. Ruben Caballero of “Circo Hermanos” is proposing to conduct a circus at 3000 Imperial Highway in Lynwood on October 4, 2013 through October 21, 2013. The property is approximately 73,819 square feet and is located in the M (manufacturing) zone. A similar request was approved in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012. (CD)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposed special permit to allow the operation of a circus, subject to payment of fees, and compliance with all City and County requirements.

21. APPROVAL OF A GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD AND AFSCME LOCAL 1920 REGARDING RETROACTIVE PAY FOR CALIFORNIA CLASS A DRIVER LICENSE

Comments:

In August 2012, the Union filed a grievance on behalf of nine of its members alleging that those members had, at the request of the Public Works Department Water Division, obtained a California Class A Drivers' License (CDL) with a promise that they would receive additional compensation upon receiving that upgraded license. After they had obtained the Class A license, their compensation was not adjusted and the subject grievance was filed.

The proposed Settlement Agreement resolves all issue relating to this issue for the retroactive period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. (HR)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a Resolution entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD AND AFSCME LOCAL 1920 REGARDING RETROACTIVE PAY FOR CALIFORNIA CLASS A DRIVER LICENSE”.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

22. RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Comments:

As a means to enhance public safety, the City of Lynwood entered into a contract with Redflex Traffic Systems in 2003 to address community and traffic safety. The contract was renewed in 2008 and will expire in December of 2013. (PR)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council provide direction as to whether the City Council desires to extend the contract an additional five years with Redflex Traffic Systems.

23. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SECTION 25-70-7 OF THE LYNWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) RELATING TO POLITICAL SIGNS

Comments:

Section 25-70-7 of the Lynwood Municipal Code (LMC) relating to political signs was adopted on as part of Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2004.02 on March 15, 2005. This section of the Lynwood Municipal Code (LMC) prohibits a person from erecting a political sign more than 45 days prior to an election and 10-days following an election. (CM)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council review and discuss Section 25-70-7 of the Lynwood Municipal Code (LMC) relating to political signs.

24. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF REVISED LYNWOOD CITY HALL ANNEX/COUNCIL CHAMBERS PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 67-905)

Comments:

The current City Hall and City Hall North were constructed in 1953 and houses approximately 80 employees in about 17,300 square feet. The Council Chamber is 1,270 square feet with seating for 70 persons and includes an adjacent 330 square foot conference room. The old City Hall Annex was 5,400 square feet, housing approximately 30 employees prior to demolition in early 2011. The City has been seeking City Hall improvements and an Annex replacement for the last ten years. The most recent effort was the approval by the City Council of a new City Hall Annex/Council Chambers Project on February 16, 2010. The original new 20,000 square-foot, two-story Annex was an ambitious project that projected to house as many as 80 employees. The City Council voted to reject all bids on July 2, 2013, when it was determined that there were insufficient funds to build the project. (CM)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt one of the two attached resolutions approving a revised scope of work for the City Hall Annex/Council Chambers Project, approving the corresponding Project Financing Plan, and authorizing the Director of Public Works to proceed with the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural/engineering project services and CM (Construction Manager) At-Risk project services. Staff recommends that the City Council select Option #2.

CITY COUNCIL ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

SALVADOR ALATORRE, MAYOR
RAMON RODRIGUEZ, MAYOR PRO-TEM
AIDE CASTRO, COUNCILMEMBER
JIM MORTON, COUNCILMEMBER
MARIA T. SANTILLAN-BEAS, COUNCILMEMBER

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NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Item #22. RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The staff report was provided by the Public Relations Director, Deborah Jackson. She briefly gave city Council an overview of the program and discussed the benefits of extending the contract with Reflex Traffic Systems for an additional five years. She said it wasn't revenue generating program, but rather used as a safety measure and requested direction from City Council.

Detective Jason Carr provided statistics on the amount of revenue they had accumulated in a year.

Council Member Santillan-Beas asked if Detective Jason Carr was the officer in charge of reviewing the citations. She asked whether or not drivers were cited every time the light flashed.

Detective Jason Carr affirmed he was the officer who oversees citations and stated that citations were not given every time the light flashed.

Mayor Alatorre asked if a motorist would be cited after the three and a half second threshold while making a left hand turn on a non-permissive left turn signal.

Detective Jason Carr stated that the State of California had an Amber State mandate for signal light citations. Detective Carr clarified that no citation was given if a driver passes the limit line and turns on red.

Mayor Alatorre inquired about the camera face and license plate recognition. He asked Detective Carr if a face and license plate was easy to read.

Detective Carr stated that all license plates and faces had to be recognizable in order to cite the motorist.

Council Member Morton asked Detective Carr if other neighboring cities have removed red light cameras.

Detective Carr stated that the City of Compton removed their cameras but was not sure what type of circumstances they faced at the time.

Council Member Morton questioned whether it was worth to extend the contract with redflex considering the small percentage of revenue the City obtains.

Council Member Santillan-Beas asked Detective Carr if he thought Redflex was a good program.

Detective Carr stated that he approved Redflex.

Council Member Castro asked the Director of Public Relation, Deborah Jackson, if the City was paying out of pocket since the citations had diminished.

Deborah Jackson stated that the City was not paying out of pocket and added that 80% of the citations were issued to non-residents. She referred to Michael for further clarification.

Council Member Castro stated that for the record "we get complaints from the constituents that are valid, but to get a complaint of somebody who's upset because they ran a red light, I think there is a balance and some complaints from our residents are valid, but if you're coming to me to complain because you got a ticket because you ran a red light tough cookie."

Mike a representative from Redflex, commended the City of Lynwood for accepting the program. He stated that the safety aspects have been the benefits of the program. He also added that the contract is a cost neutrality contract which means it is a self sufficient program and the citations pay for themselves with no upfront fees and a flat rate. He commented on the driving patterns changing.

Council Member Santillan-Beas asked what the retention schedule was for the videos.

Mike stated that there was a thirty day retention on videos.

Council Member Castro read the clause regarding the cost neutrality in the staff report and inquired whether the City was paying out of pocket.

Mike stated that there was no out of pocket fee.

Deborah Jackson stated that for the most part the City is breaking even.

Mayor Alatorre inquired whether the cost neutrality had ever been enforced.

Mike stated that the clause had not been enforced.

Mayor Alatorre stated that he wanted the cost neutrality clause to be enforced.

Council Member Castro requested a cost report.

Council Member Santillan-Beas stated that they might have paid more money than they should have.

Council Member Castro requested clarification from staff.

Interim City Manager Richard Warne stated that they would provide a detailed analysis report for further consideration.

Mike distributed statistical data for council to review.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

(Regarding Agenda Item #22)

Irene Garcia stated that she would not like for the contract to be extended because it is not cost effective and the flashing from the cameras has caused many accidents in the past.

Antonio Munguia stated that he never received a ticket for a red light camera. He stated that the red light cameras are not always accurate. In addition, he would like to see the contract reflect that the contract will not affect tax payers.

Loraine Reed stated that she was originally against the red light cameras; however, after the presentation she changed her view. She mentioned that this program should be implemented for safety measures rather than to generate money.

Council Member Morton requested a report of accidents in the intersections with red light cameras.

City Attorney Galante noted that the staff report included the number of accidents.

Interim City Manager Richard Warne suggested to Council Member Morton to look over the material that was already provided and would address further concerns if there were any.

After discussion, City Council came to a unanimous agreement to bring back the item for consideration with a detailed analysis report.

Item #23. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SECTION 25-70-7 OF THE LYNWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) RELATING TO POLITICAL SIGNS

Interim City Manager Richard Warne presented Item #23. He began by stating that he was "a political" and wanted everyone to know that before introducing the item. He stated that this provision was adopted in conjunction with a zoning ordinance amendment on March 15, 2005. Mr. Warne requested City Attorney