



MINUTES
CITY OF CAMARILLO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Tony Trembley, Mayor
Kevin Kildee, Vice Mayor
Martita Martinez-Bravo, Councilmember
Susan Santangelo, Councilmember
David Tennessen, Councilmember

Staff Present: Greg Ramirez, City Manager
Carmen Nichols, Assistant City Manager
Kristy Buxkemper, City Clerk
Mitchell Cameron, Administrative Services Director
Dave Klotzle, Public Works Director
Rachel Richman, City Attorney
David Sanchez, Community Development Director
Eric Tennessen, Police Department Commander
Mark Uribe, Finance Director
Carrie Weal, Assistant City Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney read the closed session items into the record. Council recessed to Closed Session.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
Name of case: OPV Coalition, et. al. vs. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Ventura County Superior Court Case No. 56202100555357CUPTVTA
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation: (1 potential case)

5:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

All City Councilmembers were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

PRESENTATIONS

C. Wings Over Camarillo

Bill Thomas, Wings Over Camarillo, presented a plaque to the City Council in appreciation of the City's support of the Wings Over Camarillo air show.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

The Councilmembers reported on attendance at outside agency and Council committee meetings.

CONSENT CALENDAR

D. City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved the minutes of the special meeting of May 6, 2024.

E. Disbursements

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-30 approving disbursements.

F. Investment Reports for April 2024

Received and filed reports.

G. Revenue & Expenditure Report for April 2024

Received and filed report.

H. Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act – Fiscal Year 2024/25 Projects

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-31 establishing the Fiscal Year 2024/25 list of projects planned to be funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act.

I. Treated Water Diversion – North Pleasant Valley Groundwater Desalter (Project No. MC-2023-5) – Adopt a Resolution Approving Final Pay Estimate and Accepting Improvements

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-32 accepting improvements, approving Contract Pay Estimate No. 2 (Final) to Travis Agricultural Construction, Inc., and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Notice of Completion.

J. Weed Abatement Services (MC-2024-1) – Award of Contract

1. Found the weed abatement services maintenance exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute Maintenance Contract 2024-39 with Oakridge Landscape in the amount of \$258,600.00, with Consumer Price Index increase for Fiscal Years 2025/26 and 2026/27; and:

3. Authorized the City Manager to execute amendments for unforeseen work in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

K. [Storm Drain Inlet and Catch Basin Inspection and Maintenance, MC-2024-2 – Award of Contract](#)

1. Found the storm drain inlet and catch basin maintenance work exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Authorized City Manager to execute Agreement No. 2024-44 with United Storm Water, Inc. in the amount of \$822,122.50 with Consumer Price Index increases for Fiscal Years 2025/26 and 2026/27; and
3. Authorized the City Manager to execute future amendments to the Agreement with United Storm Water, Inc. for unforeseen additional services in an amount not to exceed \$128,300.

L. [Sodium Hypochlorite – Pricing Agreement Amendment](#)

Authorized the City Manager to execute Agreement No. 2021-48C with JCI Jones Chemicals for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite at \$2.2276 per gallon (not including the 2.1% mill assessment) plus freight for FY 2024/25.

MOTION to approve Items D through L.

Councilmember Martinez-Bravo moved, Councilmember Tennessen seconded.

Yes: Kildee, Martinez-Bravo, Santangelo, Tennessen, Trembley

No: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

M. [Advanced Metering Infrastructure \(Project No. WT-5080\) – Authorization to Solicit Bids for Construction](#)

Principal Civil Engineer Lippincott presented a PowerPoint reviewing the proposed project to convert the City's approximately 14,000 water meters to an advanced metering infrastructure that would allow for data to be automatically relayed to the City's network, improving the City's efficiency in meter reading and leak detection.

MOTION to approve the following recommended actions:

1. Find that Project No. WT-5080 is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19 Categorical Exemptions Section 15301 Part B; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-33 approving Advanced Metering Infrastructure – Project No. WT-5080, the plans, specifications, notice inviting bids, and authorizing staff to invite bids.

Councilmember Martinez-Bravo moved, Vice Mayor Kildee seconded.

Yes: Kildee, Martinez-Bravo, Santangelo, Tennessen, Trembley
No: None

N. Transit Operation and Maintenance Services – Award of Agreement

Public Works Administrator Kroes presented a PowerPoint reviewing additional information on the RFP proposals for the Transit Operations and Maintenance Services, as requested at the May 6, 2024 City Council Meeting. This information included a comparison of the transit services provided by RTW and VTS, the proposal's scores on each criteria, and evaluator comments.

The following people addressed the Council and provided public testimony on this item:

- Sandy (no last name provided)
- Michael Birch, Vice President of Operations, RATP Dev USA
- Bobby Babaeian, Ventura Transit System
- David Becerra, Ventura Transit System
- Stephanie Barton, Ventura Transit System
- Sara Porchetta, Ventura Transit System
- Dominick Perez, RATP Dev USA
- Charles Sandlin
- George Goates, President, RTW Management Inc.
- Carole Higa

Two non-verbal cards were submitted by: Mary Elizabeth Gillette and Dana Yuhasz

The Council thanked staff for the detailed and comprehensive report and presentation which helped clarify the RFP proposal evaluation process. They noted that while continuity of a program is important, RATP chose not to participate in the RFP process, and they felt the process should be respected.

MOTION to approve the following recommended actions:

1. Find the Agreement for Transit Operations and Maintenance Services is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute Agreement No. 2024-28 with RTW Management, Inc. for transit operations and maintenance services for a four-year term for an amount not to exceed \$11,866,219.

Councilmember Martinez-Bravo moved, Councilmember Santangelo seconded.

Yes: Kildee, Martinez-Bravo, Santangelo, Tennessen, Trembley

No: None

RECESS

The Mayor called a recess at 6:43 p.m. The Council reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jordan Van Zant addressed the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

O. [Camarillo Landscape Maintenance District Zones 1 through 10 – Resolution Ordering Levy and Collection of Assessments](#)

Public Works Administrator Kroes presented a PowerPoint reviewing the annual process to consider and certify the Landscape Maintenance District assessments to be levied against properties in the ten special assessment zones.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Hearing no requests to speak, either for or against the item, the Mayor declared the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-34 ordering the levy and collection of assessments for the Camarillo Landscape Maintenance District Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, as shown in the Engineer's Report.

Vice Mayor Kildee moved, Councilmember Santangelo seconded.

Yes: Kildee, Martinez-Bravo, Santangelo, Tennessen, Trembley

No: None

P. [Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.04 Pertaining to Sign Regulations and Resolution Adopting a Sign Redemption Fee](#)

City Attorney Richman stated the Sign Regulations in the Camarillo Municipal code were reviewed prior to the upcoming election year to address any updated regulations and to review for any changes that would assist in code compliance enforcement. The proposed Ordinance would make minor modifications for clarification and add language to address the illegal placement and removal of signs and establish a sign redemption fee. The amount of the sign redemption fee would be based on a portion of the actual cost for code enforcement to retrieve and store the sign.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Hearing no requests to speak, either for or against the item, the Mayor declared the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

MOTION to approve the following recommended actions:

1. Waive further reading and introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 17.04 of the Camarillo Municipal Code pertaining to Sign Regulations; and
2. Adopt Resolution 2024-35 approving the addition of a Sign Redemption Fee updating the City's Fee Schedule.

Councilmember Tennessen moved, Councilmember Santangelo seconded.

Yes: Kildee, Martinez-Bravo, Santangelo, Tennessen, Trembley
No: None

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Richman indicated there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk