

**MINUTES
WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
WHITTIER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WHITTIER UTILITY AUTHORITY
WHITTIER HOUSING AUTHORITY
WHITTIER PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
JOINT MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
JUNE 22, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Whittier City Council met in regular session on June 22, 2010, in conjunction with the Whittier Housing Authority, Whittier Public Financing Authority, Whittier Redevelopment Agency, and the Whittier Utility Authority. Mayor Nordbak called the joint meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS/HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS/ PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY DIRECTORS/AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS/UTILITY AUTHORITY DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Joe Vinatieri, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Director Owen Newcomer, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Director Bob Henderson, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Director Cathy Warner, Mayor Pro Tem /Vice Chair J. Greg Nordbak, Mayor/Chair
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OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Stephen W. Helvey, City Manager/ Executive Director Richard D. Jones, City Attorney/ Authority Counsel Toni Maiques, Assistant City Clerk- Treasurer/Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Kathryn A. Marshall, City Clerk-Treasurer/ Secretary-Treasurer (8:10 p.m. and 10:11 p.m.)
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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director of Parks Kurkowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.A PRESENTATION – ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF WHITTIER DONATION

Mayor Nordbak presented a Proclamation to Melinda Shupman in recognition of the Assistance League of Whittier \$8,000 donation to the Whittier Public Library. Ms. Shupman presented the donation check to Library Director Paymaneh Maghsoudi.

4.B PRESENTATION – PARKS DIRECTOR JIM KURKOWSKI PROCLAMATION

Mayor Nordbak presented a Proclamation to Parks Director Jim Kurkowski, who is retiring on July 1. He said Director Kurkowski has supervised the maintenance of 19 parks; 38 employees; and the care of over 45,000 City trees.

Director Kurkowski accepted the Proclamation; introduced his wife Maureen, daughter and son-in-law Kelly and Jason Smith; and granddaughters Hailey and Lauren; he said it was a pleasure to work with the City Council and City Manager; and this was the best parks staff he had ever worked with.

EASTSIDE GOLD LINE UPDATE:

Fernando Dutra, Washington Boulevard Coalition President, provided an update on the Eastside Gold Line. He said the Coalition supports the Washington Boulevard alignment, from Los Angeles to Whittier, with the route ending at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital; the goal is to have the station located between the Home Depot and Five Points; the final alignment will be selected in the fall of 2011; the two alignments left under consideration are the SR 60 route and the Washington Boulevard alignment; and most of the over 500 comments received at the scoping meetings are favorable to the Washington Boulevard alignment. He recognized the Coalition Committee by asking them to stand; and he thanked the City and local stakeholders for support. He said the next stage is public workshops which will continue through July to work on station designs; he invited residents to attend the meetings and participate in the process; and he said information will be available on the City website.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Leighton Anderson, Vice President, Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce; said the Chamber supports the Gold Line; he thanked the City Council for supporting the Chamber; announced the State of the City address on June 24; said the Council acted prudently in studying the proposed oil drilling; and the Chamber of Commerce supports the oil drilling study.

Dean Harako, President, Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce; thanked the City Council for supporting the Chamber; said the Chamber would be improving accountability and offering seminars in the new fiscal year; and said the Chamber supports the Washington Boulevard Gold Line expansion route and a prudent approach to further exploration of oil distraction in the hills.

Nick Walsh, LaRouche Political Action Committee; requested an item be placed on the next City Council agenda to adopt a resolution calling for the passage of Glass-Steagall, to separate commercial banks from bail-out banks.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Whittier Main Mineral Extraction Project, citing the following concerns: harm to wildlife; damage to the environment; protecting children; special needs children; providing help to young adults; the potential for a catastrophic event; need for renewable energy; the public was not informed of the project; misuse of tax dollars; how the subcommittee was formed; water contamination; use of property purchased with Proposition A funds to save the hills; negative impact on property values; traffic issues; possible conflict of interest for Council Member Henderson; equipment issues; test wells; 24/7 drilling; transportation; noise issues; oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico; Marine Research Specialists will not be able to prepare an objective report; stench; fiscal mismanagement; and no guarantee of return on investment.

Serita Torres, Eastridge Drive, Whittier
Cheryl Whittaker Torres, Eastridge Drive, Whittier
Dan Duran, 8103 Catalina Avenue, Whittier
Marta Borbon, 5228 Glennon Drive, Whittier
Orlando Terrazas, 8426 Friends Avenue, Whittier
Joe Carillo, 6503 Newlin Avenue, Whittier
Roy McKee, 8110 Davista Drive, Whittier
Lupe Sahagun, 14316 Bronte Drive, Whittier
Amelia Vogel, 13011 Oak Street, Whittier
John Young, 12425 Honolulu Terrace, Whittier
Fred Hawthorne, 13716 Franklin Avenue, Apt. D, Whittier
Steve Savadsky, Ocean View Drive, Whittier
Miguel Garcia, Whittier
Bob Florin, 14909 Lodosa Drive, Whittier
Matt Berkelhammer, Whittier
Frank Ramos, 4140 Workman Mill Road, Whittier
Ruben Valdez, 11530 Wakeman Street, Whittier
Andrea Gordon, 14830 Tamarix Drive, Hacienda Heights

In response to speakers' comments, Council Member Henderson said he had received a legal opinion regarding Matrix Oil; he receives oil royalties of approximately \$500 per year, which is considered a de minimus amount; and he had provided the information to the *Whittier Daily News*.

City Attorney Jones stated that his office and the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) had reviewed the issue and determined Council Member Henderson does not have a conflict of interest. Mr. Jones later stated that Mr. Henderson sits on the Habitat Authority Board as a City representative; there is no conflict of interest because he does not receive compensation; Esther Feldman has

been hired to perform duties on behalf of the City; and all information, including her compensation, is public information.

Jason Bustamanti, LaRouche Action Committee, said the organization has a resolution to reinstate the Glass-Steagall banking system; and in 2007 they were organizing for separate commercial banking and mortgage systems.

Al Rodriguez, Whittier PONY Baseball President; announced that Whittier PONY is hosting all-star baseball play-offs for the 12-year old and 14-year old zones from July 29 through August 3; he asked the Mayor to throw out the first pitch on July 29; he said there are two Whittier teams in the playoffs; and he distributed playoff schedules and baseball hats for the City Council.

Art Rock, Whittier; said people are worried about the budget.; he encouraged the City Council to concentrate on the budget; and said people think they are too small to make an impact.

Robert Canales, said people have the right to demand redress from the government for grievances; candidates opposing oil drilling in the City's 2010 election came in last, leaving the appearance of a mandate for oil drilling; and he said people cannot claim to be uninformed if they do not participate in the process.

Ralph Marsico, Whittier; commended the speakers regarding the oil drilling; said he received community service time for his bicycle tickets; he cannot do his community service time; and he said his car was stolen and recovered in Bell Gardens.

Mayor Nordbak recessed the joint meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Nordbak reconvened the joint meeting at 8:05 p.m. with Council Members Henderson and Newcomer present.

20. CLOSED SESSION – JONES VS. CITY OF WHITTIER (From Page 14)

20.B City Council - Government Code Section 54956.9(b) to discuss the claim of Jones vs. City of Whittier.

Mayor Nordbak adjourned the joint meeting to Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss Item 20.B, the claim of Jones vs. the City of Whittier, with City Clerk-Treasurer Marshall replacing Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer Maiques.

He reconvened the joint meeting in Open Session at 8:22 p.m. with all Council Members present and Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer Maiques replacing City Clerk-Treasurer Marshall. There was no report out of Closed Session.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Continued

Sergio Delgadillo, Sunrise Drive, Whittier; Central East Whittier Property Owners Association; said he is concerned that residents don't know what is going on with the proposed oil drilling; and he encouraged residents to be informed and get involved.

George Poochigian, Whittier; questioned why the Whittier Police Department is getting a 3% salary increase as reported in the *Whittier Daily News*; he said cost of living adjustments were denied in the federal government; questioned why the City is raising water, sewer and solid waste fees; said the Daily News reported there is \$26 million in the account; and he said he opposes oil drilling.

Joe Marsico, Whittier; said he has made a pool skimmer that could be made on a larger scale and used to skim the ocean for clean-up; said he has received tickets for no front license plate on his trolley and the weight of the trolley, which is his home; and he cannot drive because he forgot to renew his driver's license.

6. CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/ PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/UTILITY AUTHORITY JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor/Chair Nordbak requested separate consideration of Item 6.O.

Council/Agency Member/Director Vinatieri stated he would recuse from voting on Item 6.M due to a conflict of interest.

It was moved by Council/Agency Member/Director Henderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Warner and carried, by roll call vote, to approve the Consent Calendar, except Item 6.O, including awarding a construction contract to A. R. Sarmiento, and that Resolution Nos. 8295, 8296, 8297, WRA-10-04, and WUA-10-03, be read by title only, further reading be waived, and they be declared adopted, with Council/Agency Member/Director Vinatieri recusing on Item 6.M.

6.A The City Council denied claims filed by Lila Quan, Mercury Insurance Company, John M. Saltmeris, Daniel E. Douglass, Albert Salazar, Mario A. Hamilton, Patricia Becerra-Michel, and Rosalind Pelayo.

6.B The City Council, Agency Board and Authority Boards of Directors took the following actions regarding minutes:

1. Public Financing Authority and Housing Authority Boards of Directors approved the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 23, 2009 and May 8, 2010;
2. City Council, Agency Board and Utility Authority Board of Directors approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2010; and

3. City Council, Agency Board and Public Financing, Housing and Utility Authority Boards of Directors approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2010.
- 6.C** The City Council approved a special event permit for the Whittier Community Foundation's 5K Fit for Life Race/Walk scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2010, beginning and ending at Joe Miller Field.
 - 6.D** The City Council approved a renewal to an agreement with the City of Norwalk to participate in the Transportation Management Association effective July 1, 2010; and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.
 - 6.E** The City Council received and filed the final progress report on the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Work Plan.
 - 6.F** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 8295 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 84 GRANT FOR NATURE EDUCATION FACILITIES ON THE WHITTIER GREENWAY TRAIL."
 - 6.G** The City Council took action regarding leases with Clearwire for telecommunications antennas:
 1. Approved leasing space for the installation of a cellular antenna tower along the Whittier Greenway Trail at Oak Street;
 2. Approved leasing space for a ground cabinet at Lambert Road and Calmada Avenue; and
 3. Authorized the City Manager to execute the related documents.
 - 6.H** The Agency Board:
 1. Adopted Resolution No. WRA-10-04 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE WHITTIER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING A REPLACEMENT HOUSING PLAN FOR 7306, 7316, 7318, AND 7320 COMSTOCK AVENUE";
 2. Approved the plans and specifications to demolish the "Comstock/Penn Site"; and
 3. Authorized the Secretary-Treasurer to advertise the project for asbestos abatement and demolition bids after completion of HUD required procedures.
 - 6.I** The City Council received and filed the following Historic Resources Commission action: approval of Certificate of Appropriateness 10-002 to modify the rear elevation and do interior remodeling to an existing single-

family residence located at 6787 Worsham Drive; Applicant: Kenneth D. Arnold and Associates; Owners: Matthew and Rosa Pope.

- 6.J** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 8296 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF WHITTIER," in the amount of \$8,000 for library materials and programs.
- 6.K** The Board of Directors took action regarding the Water Main Replacement Program – La Cuarta Street project:
1. Awarded the construction contract to A.R. Sarmiento;
 2. Rejected all other bids;
 3. Authorized the Executive Director to sign the contract; and
 4. Adopted Resolution No. WUA-10-03 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITTIER UTILITY AUTHORITY AMENDING THE 2009-10 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO FUND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – LA CUARTA STREET," in the amount of \$450,000.
- 6.L** The City Council accepted the work performed by E. C. Construction for the Intersection Improvements on Mar Vista Street at California Avenue, Federal Project No. ESPL-5111(056); and authorized the City Clerk-Treasurer to file the Notice of Completion.
- 6.M** The City Council received and filed the following Planning Commission action: approval of Conditional Use Permit CUP10-005 and Development Review DRP10-031 to allow the expansion of an existing telecommunication facility by installing four new wall mounted antennas and relocating four existing wall mounted antennas on an existing building located at 13615 Earlham Drive; Applicant: Michelle Felten on behalf of Verizon Wireless; Owner: Whittier College.
- 6.N** The City Council approved a modification to the agreement with Marine Research Specialists to include a socio-economic study for processing the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Whittier Main Mineral Extraction Project; and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.
- 6.P** The City Council took actions relating to the Whittier Community Theatre Agreement:
1. Approved a five-year facility use agreement;
 2. Authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement;
 3. Approved continuing to waive fees related to hanging banners over Whittier Boulevard; and

4. Approved replacement of the theatre directional signs to be purchased by WCT and waiving fees for installation.
- 6.Q** The City Council approved the Addendum to the Agreement with MV Transportation to extend the current Dial-A-Ride contract for the City of Whittier/La Habra Heights service through June 30, 2012; and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.
- 6.R** The City Council took actions regarding the Poured-In-Place Resilient Rubber Playground Surfacing Project at Parnell Park:
 1. Approved the distribution of a "Request for Quotes" for the project;
 2. Adopted Resolution No. 8297 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET TO FUND THE PARNELL PARK RUBBERIZED SURFACING PROJECT," in the amount of \$100,000; and
 3. Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement for construction.
- 6.S** The City Council and Agency Board authorized the Mayor/Chair to execute the Lease, Option to Purchase and Settlement Agreement with Omega Chemical Site PRP Organized Group (OPOG) and Omega Chemical PRP Group, LLC (Omega LLC) related to the former Skateland property located at 12520 E. Whittier Boulevard.

Mayor/Chair Nordbak declared a conflict of interest on Item 6.O and left the Council Chamber at 8:37 p.m.

6.O FRANCHISE HAULER SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES

It was moved by Director Henderson, seconded by Director Vinatieri, and carried, by roll call vote, with Chair Nordbak absent, to approve the annual fee adjustments for Franchise Hauler Solid Waste collection fees; and that Resolution No. WUA-10-04 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITTIER UTILITY AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE BY FRANCHISE HAULERS IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER," effective July 1, 2010, be read by title only, further reading be waived, and it be declared adopted.

Mayor/Chair Nordbak resumed his seat at the dais at 8:38 p.m.

7. RECESS HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING:

Mayor Nordbak recessed the Housing Authority meeting at 8:38 p.m.

8.A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 BUDGET

City Manager Helvey announced it was the date and time set and duly noticed for a joint public hearing of the City Council, Public Financing Authority, Redevelopment Agency, and Utility Authority to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budgets.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Warner's question, City Manager Helvey said the Whittier Police Officer's Association (WPOA) was in the middle of a multi-year contract which entitles them to a 3% salary increase; the WPOA is prepared to defer the increase; and the budget assumes the increase will be deferred.

Mayor/Chair Nordbak opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

There being no one wishing to testify before the agencies, it was moved by Council/Agency Member/Director Henderson, seconded by Council/Agency Member/Director Vinatieri, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

Council Member Newcomer said he would support the budget, even though he believed there were too many budget cuts, and not enough use of reserves.

Council Member Vinatieri said he was concerned about the future; he believes the state will raid more funds from the City; he believes more cuts should be made; and he wanted to ensure the budget is reviewed for trends on a quarterly basis.

Council Member Henderson said he believed the budget included a good job of balancing the use of reserves; the City has always been fiscally conservative; and the City needs to keep in mind ways to reduce overhead without jeopardizing City services.

Mayor Pro Tem Warner said she appreciated the police employees for taking the salary increase deferrals; she believes it is a good budget; and that the City's reserves need to be protected.

Mayor Nordbak said the budget is a good balance of cuts, fee increases and use of reserves; the Council will meet quarterly on the budget; he believes it is a good budget; and he wants the City to be active in organizations to fight the state from taking funds.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Warner, seconded by Council/Agency Member/Director Henderson, and carried unanimously, by roll call vote, that the City, Agency, and Utility and Public Financing Authority Budgets be adopted; and that the following resolutions be read by title only, further reading be waived, and they be declared adopted:

1. Resolution No. 8298 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011"; and Resolution No. 8299 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11";
2. Resolution No. WRA-10-05 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITTIER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011";
3. Resolution No. WPFA-10-01 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITTIER PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011"; and
4. Resolution No. WUA-10-05 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITTIER UTILITY AUTHORITY ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011."

9. RECESS UTILITY AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETINGS:

Mayor/Chair Nordbak recessed the Utility Authority and Public Financing Authority meetings at 8:54 p.m.

10. CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Vinatieri said he had concerns about fee increases; and wanted to ensure that non-profit organizations utilizing City facilities have an opportunity to speak with the City Manager to discuss negotiation of the fees. There was City Council concurrence, based on unique situations.

It was moved by Council/Agency Member/Director Vinatieri, seconded by Council/Agency Member/Director Henderson and carried unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the City Council/Redevelopment Budget Consent Calendar and that Resolution Nos. 8300 and 8301 be read by title only, further reading be waived, and they be declared adopted; and that Ordinance No. 2955 be read by title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its first reading.

- 10.A** The City Council renewed an Agreement with the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011; and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

- 10.B** The City Council authorized payment to New World Systems in the amount of \$148,355 for the annual system support and maintenance of the public safety computer system.
- 10.C** The City Council approved the Facility Usage Policy as revised; and adopted Resolution No. 8300 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, FIXING THE FEES AND CHARGES TO BE MADE PERTAINING TO CERTAIN CITY PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES."
- 10.D** The City Council and Agency Board took the following actions regarding the Local Economic Stimulus and Business Assistance Plan:
1. City Council adopted Resolution No. 8301 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY FEE REDUCTIONS FOR TEMPORARY BANNER SIGN PERMITS AND PLANNING ENTITLEMENTS AND BUILDING PERMIT FEES TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2011";
 2. City Council conducted first reading of Ordinance No. 2955 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, TEMPORARILY AMENDING ZONING CODES OF THE WHITTIER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 18.76.080 (TEMPORARY ON-PREMISES SIGNS) PERTAINING TO THE TIME LIMITATIONS FOR DISPLAYING TEMPORARY SIGNS AND CHAPTER 18.04.110 AS IT PERTAINS TO THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY-EXTENSIONS-PERMITS AND OTHER APPROVALS (APPLICANT: CITY OF WHITTIER, ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS NO. 09-009 AND NO. 09-010)"; and
 3. Agency Board approved extending the Local Economic Stimulus and Business Assistance Fee subsidies for planning entitlements and building permits, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
- 10.E** The City Council and the Agency Board amended the City Manager's agreement and the Executive Director's agreement by converting contractual compensation to an hourly rate not to exceed 960 hours per fiscal year.

11. RECESS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

Mayor Nordbak recessed the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 9:01 p.m.

12.A AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY SITES

Mayor Pro Tem Warner declared a conflict of interest on Site 6, Whittier Boulevard at La Entrada, included in the staff report, which is located within 500 feet of her rental property; and she left the Council Chamber at 9:19 p.m.

Following discussion, there was City Council consensus to direct potential developers to the sites identified in the staff report for low to moderate income housing development, with the exception of the Alpha Beta and Nelles sites, which may include low to moderate income housing, but will not be marketed for that specific purpose.

It was moved by Council Member Vinatieri, seconded by Council Member Newcomer, and carried, with Mayor Pro Tem Warner absent; to receive and file the report on Affordable Housing Opportunity sites.

Mayor Pro Tem Warner resumed her seat at the dais at 9:24 p.m.

13. RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND RECONVENE UTILITY AUTHORITY:

Mayor Nordbak recessed the City Council and reconvened the Utility Authority meetings at 9:24 p.m.

14.A PUMPING PLANT II REPLACEMENT DESIGN

Following discussion, it was moved by Director Newcomer, seconded by Vice Chair Warner, and carried unanimously, by roll call vote, to award the Professional Services Agreement to design a replacement for Pumping Plant II; and authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

15. RECESS UTILITY AUTHORITY AND RECONVENE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Mayor Norbak recessed the Utility Authority and reconvened the Redevelopment Agency meetings at 9:29 p.m.

16.A PROJECT SIGN USAGE

City Attorney Jones left the Council meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Following discussion, there was consensus by the Board of Directors to keep the City Council and Agency Board informed of signs to be placed on projects, allowing for review of the language on the proposed signs before installation.

16.B RETAILER RECRUITMENT AND REWARD PROGRAM (3RP)

Following discussion, the Agency Board directed staff to return at a future date with a report narrowing the focus of the proposed Retailer Recruitment and Reward Program to business attraction and retention.

17. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL, HOUSING AUTHORITY, PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND UTILITY AUTHORITY IN JOINT SESSION WITH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Mayor Nordbak reconvened the City Council, Housing Authority, Public Financing Authority, and Utility Authority meetings in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency at 9:54 p.m.

18. COUNCIL/AGENCY MEMBER/DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS:

City Attorney Jones resumed his seat at the dais at 9:55 p.m.

Council Member Vinatieri reported he attended the League of California Cities Taxation Committee meeting in Sacramento. He said the state will continue to take funds from local governments however possible; and the Committee voted unanimously to oppose a measure on the November ballot regarding the cannibas issue as it pertains to marijuana usage and land use.

Council Member Newcomer reported he attended the League of California Cities meeting in Sacramento. He said the initiative to prevent the state from taking funds from local governments, and requiring repayment of funds taken since October 2009 qualified for the November ballot; and the Environmental Quality Committee endorsed a law to ban plastic bags in markets for certain uses.

Mayor Nordbak requested an update on the Whittier Boulevard Specific Plan to be included in the City Manager newsletter; and announced the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Fee increase public hearing scheduled for July 13 was re-scheduled to August 10.

19. ADJOURN HOUSING AUTHORITY, PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETINGS:

**20. CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION:
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City Manager Helvey recommended the City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting Closed Session pursuant to:

- 20.A** City Council - Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss labor negotiations between negotiator Stephen Helvey, and the Whittier City Employees' Association, Whittier Police Officers Association, and unrepresented employees.
- 20.C** City Council - Government Code Section 54957, City Manager employment.
- 20.D** Redevelopment Agency – Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss real property negotiations with Brandywine Homes, Warmington Residential, Agora Realty and Management, and/or Primestor Development, Inc. relating to price and terms of payment for property located at 12813 Bailey Street, 12802 Hadley Street, and 6541 to 6557 Comstock Avenue; Agency negotiator: Stephen Helvey

Mayor Nordbak adjourned the joint meeting to Closed Session at 10:05 p.m. with City Clerk-Treasurer Marshall replacing Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer Maiques.

21. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

Mayor Nordbak reconvened the joint meeting in Open Session at 10:21 p.m.

22. CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

None

23. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Nordbak adjourned the joint meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Maiques
Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer/
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer