

Inglewood, California

July 18, 2000

The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2000 in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City.

Mayor Dorn called the City Council to order for a closed session meeting at the hour of 6:51 p.m. The City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Mayor Dorn, Council Members Horton and Kirkley;

Absent: Council Member Dunlap. (Arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

Mayor Dorn declared the meeting recessed at the hour of 6:51 p.m

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Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country and invocation by Minister Harold Flannigan, Strait-Way Church , Mayor Dorn again called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:21 p.m. with all members present except Council Member Fernandez.

City officials and personnel present were:

Hermanita V. Harris City Clerk

Wanda Brown City Treasurer

Joseph T. Rouzan, Jr. City Administrator

Charles E. Dickerson City Attorney

Gloria J. McCoy Deputy City Clerk

Norah Arroyo Spanish Interpreter

127 COMMENTS BY MAYOR DORN. Mayor Dorn announced a special recognition for Inglewood schools. He commented that the Los Angeles Times newspaper had reported improvement in the Inglewood scores for 4th graders on the Standard 9 Test. He commended the parents, teachers and students and noted that no City can meet its potential without an excellent educational program.

134 PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS. Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any item on the agenda.

Paul Russell spoke concerning rebid for notice mailing services and item no. 9, award of contract for lease/purchase of hand-held parking citation unit systems.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning item nos. 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Dr. Marilyn Douroux, District 1, spoke concerning item no. 1, payment of bills.

142.9 PAYMENTS OF WARRANTS AND BILLS. It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that the demands presented to the City Council dated July 13, 2000 in the amount of \$3,611,518.61 are hereby approved and the City Clerk hereby authorized to certify upon said registers that said demands are so approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez;

Not Voting: Council Members Horton and Dunlap.

118 PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUED - TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF

214.1 CURRENT BUILDING CODES AND RAISE BUILDING PERMIT FEES. At the request of the Administrative Office, the matter was continued to the meeting of August 1, 2000.

118 PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUED - TO CONSIDER AMENDING ZONING FEES TO REFLECT COSTS OF PERMIT PROCESSING. At the request of the Administrative Office, the matter was continued to the meeting of August 1, 2000.

189 PUBLIC HEARING HELD - DELINQUENT REFUSE AND SEWER ACCOUNTS - RESOLUTION NO. 00-67 ADOPTED. The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing regarding protests to the report of the Public Works Director concerning delinquent refuse and sewer accounts, that notice of this hearing has been given in the time, form and manner as required by law, the affidavit was on file and communications were received from the following:

Klabin Management Company

Curlie and Pollie Parhams

1010 W. Hillcrest Blvd

10427 Van Ness Avenue

Inglewood, CA 909301

Inglewood, CA 90303

Re: Property located at 313 Oak Street

Inglewood, CA

Eliot Spero, Trustee

Levinson Family Trust

24132 Clarington Drive

West Hills, CA 91304

Re: Property located at 4736 W. Century Blvd.

Inglewood, CA

The City Administrator presented staff report dated July 18, 2000 submitting background information.

Mayor Dorn ordered the staff report dated July 18, 2000 and the communication be received and filed.

Vivian Ozuna, Revenue Manager, commented that staff was requesting permission to place delinquent refuse and sewer accounts on the Los Angeles tax rolls for collection.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on this matter.

Jose Serra, 3538 West Imperial Highway, spoke in opposition to being charged almost \$2,000 for delinquent refuse and sewer accounts which he believes should be the tenant's responsibility. He felt that it was inappropriate and not correct.

James Roberts, 8820 Aviation Boulevard, commented that he ordered rubbish pick up and it was not set up and as time went by he continued to receive bills but never received service. He further commented that his water service was shut off and his attempts to contact staff regarding the matter were futile.

Clarence Clarke, 3863 Thorncroft Lane, #0 commented that water service was shut off about 4 months ago and that he had paid \$400. He noted that the total amount of the bill was \$1200. He further commented that he had asked someone from the water department about this situation and there is not record of the City turning the water back on. He requested proof of receipt of the \$400 payment.

Octavio Lopez, 10118 Burin Avenue, spoke in opposition to the lien and commented that he was separated from his wife and she apparently neglected to make payments and expressed his concern as to how this will affect his property.

Wayne Kelly, 2223 West 78th Street, spoke in opposition to the lien and commented that he objected to the amount of water that the City states is being used at the property and referred to a billing of \$800 for a 3 month period.

Paul Russell, District 2, referred to the 1999 delinquencies and commented the City's communication with utility users is not as good as it might be. He referred to comments made by a previous speaker regarding refuse not being started up. He commented that he was not at the meeting to complain about his bill but suggested Council look at communications of other people.

Diane Sambrano commented that this is the same problem each year and inquired why the City is not sending duplicate billing to property owners. She also suggested that this maybe a good time for the City to change the manner in which it adds delinquent taxes to the tax rolls.

Ray Barrett, 1225 S. Prairie commented that he had been asking for the last three years that the trash service be stopped. He also commented that he had not received duplicate billing until a year ago and noted that the City commented that it will not stop the trash service.

Michelle Autry, District 4, commented on the quality of the water in the City.

Joseph T. Rouzan, City Administrator, commented that 3500 billings are mailed a month for refuse only accounts and this hearing has nothing to do with water but with trash and refuse. In addition, he commented that of the 3500 bills sent out, 3 1/2% were delinquent, and about 35% have come forward to pay. He also commented that the City does send duplicate bills and they have been going out for over a year as directed by Council.

Council Member Kirkley commented that in some rentals, it is his understanding that the bill goes directly to the owner and not the renter and inquired if the renter could come in, sign up and have the bill sent to him.

Vivian Ozuna, Revenue Manager, commented that it is possible that the bill goes to the tenant if the owner has asked the tenant to take care of the bill. She also commented that if the tenant signs up, a duplicate bill is sent to the property owner.

Council Member Dunlap inquired how sewer and trash are separated when they are on the same bill or are the properties billed separately.

Vivian Ozuna, Revenue Manager, commented that there are separate and distinct bills that only have refuse and sewer. She further commented that the entire list presented to Council is refuse and sewer customers only and those customers do not get water from the City. She noted that the City doesn't provide water because these are in outlying areas. Finally, she referred to Section 7-16, subsection 2 of the Inglewood Municipal Code regarding responsibility for refuse bills.

Council Member Dunlap commented that she still sees a problem when someone can run up a bill in the amount of \$16,000. She commented that she has no problem and fully supports liening property owners who have incurred the bill or residential owners who have incurred the bill. She added that she has a problem liening property owners when the tenant signed up for the service.

Council Horton commented that he had observed that the bills averaged over \$700 but there were others that were \$15,000 and requested an explanation for the larger amounts.

Vivian Ozuna, Revenue Manager, commented that the top 9 were bills not captured in the 1999 lien list noting that there was a programming error and those amounts were captured this year. Additionally, she noted that the larger amounts were for more than one year.

Council Member Horton commented that many owners are absentee owners who rent out the property and suggested property owners include the fees in the rents to assure they collect fees and they are able to pay refuse fees.

Council Member Dunlap referred to the individuals who commented on the liening of property and commented that if Council votes, the properties will be liened. She also inquired if Council takes official actions today to lien properties, could discussions take place with owners who came to discuss their bills and liens removed if paid or if payment could be negotiated.

Vivian Ozuna, Revenue Manager, cited Section 7-16, subsection 2, of the Inglewood Municipal Code regarding responsibility for refuse bills.

Council Member Kirkley inquired how one can pay for refuse service and not receive refuse service.

Vivian Ozuna, Revenue Manager, explained that the Health and Safety Code requires that everyone has to have trash and whether or not they have a dumpster, they must have minimum service. She also commented the City will have to look at the person involved and provide some kind of compensation.

Mayor Dorn expressed his concern regarding a situation where it appeared to be a person paying for service and not receiving service and referred to a person attempting to acquire a dumpster and not having received one. He also referred to other individuals with legitimate concerns and noted that they will be taken into consideration.

No other persons wishing to address the City Council on this matter Mayor Dorn declared the public hearing closed at the hour of 7:38 p.m

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that Resolution No. 00-67, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTEST AND OBJECTIONS AND ORDERING DELINQUENT SEWER AND REFUSE CHARGES TO BE PLACED ON THE TAX ROLLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 (HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 5470 ET SEQ.).

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horton, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

183 PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE. Staff report dated July 18, 2000 was presented

142 recommending approval of purchase of office furniture. General and Grant Funds.

It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that the City Council does hereby approve purchase from Office Depot through the Los Angeles County

Contract in the amount of \$52,383. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horton, Dunlap, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

156 REBID FOR NOTICE MAILING SERVICES. Staff report dated July 18, 2000 was presented recommending approval to rebid for notice mailing services. General Fund.

It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that the City Council does hereby (a) Reject all bids; and (b) Instruct staff to re-submit RFP R-771 for bid. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horton, Dunlap, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

183 AGREEMENT NO. 00-87 APPROVED - MEYER, MOHADDES & ASSOCIATES, INC. Staff report dated July 18, 2000 was presented recommending approval of agreement with Meyer, Mohaddes & Associates, Inc. for consulting services to implement Phase II of Inglewood's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Deployment project for a fee of \$170,000. (Grant/Gas Tax Funds)

It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that Agreement No. 00-87 with Meyer, Mohaddes & Associates, Inc. be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horton, Dunlap, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

MINUTES. It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2000 be approved as recorded. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horton, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

156.50 AWARD OF CONTRACT - LEASE/PURCHASE OF HAND-HELD PARKING CITATION UNIT SYSTEMS. Staff report dated July 18, 2000 was presented recommending award of contract for lease/purchase of hand-held parking citation unit systems. General Fund.

It was moved by Council Member Horton and seconded by Council Member Dunlap that the matter be held over to review contracts so the transaction can be structured in such a way that the City does not acquire liability. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horton and Dunlap;

Noes: Council Member Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that a resolution be adopted amending the 1999-00 annual budget, that the proposal submitted by Cardinal Tracking be found non-responsive and rejected and the lease/purchase of one hundred-eighteen hand-held parking citation units and software support from Computers at Work, Ltd, in the amount of \$1,010,457.60 payable over 4 years be approved. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Members Horton and Dunlap;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

101 VERBAL REPORTS - CITY ADMINISTRATOR. The City Administrator commented that new motor officers are in the field, the City has purchased 5 motorcycles and have 8 officers riding and one lieutenant. He noted that they are effective and he hopes to have a photo opportunity with the squad soon.

132.6 CLOSED SESSION - AGREEMENT NO. 00-86 APPROVED - MICHAEL H. MILLER. Closed session - Engagement of Hearing Officer - Attorney/Client Privileged - Pending Litigation - Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Kirkley that Agreement No. 00-86 with Michael H. Miller be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horton, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Fernandez.

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

127.2 COUNCIL INITIATIVES:

Council Member Horton:

Thanked staff for locking up the property at 104th and Crenshaw and for handling the Darby Park situation.

Commented that during the summer months, there was an increase in gang activity coming from outside of Inglewood and noted that the City needs to join forces with agencies that police the area. He noted that the City needs to look at a cost analysis to set up check points. Finally, he commented that the City needs to establish a coalition of the various groups to use resources to address problems.

Council Member Dunlap:

Council Member Horton left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:25 p.m.

In reference to closed sessions, she commented that the Ralph M. Brown Act, is not for attorneys and lawyers but for local legislative bodies, citizen commissions and the public. She further commented that it is to assist public officials and those who monitor local legislative bodies and it is written in the language of the layperson. She also pointed out that she has the right to disagree with a member of the staff, that she is a member of the First Amendment Coalition and she feels that there is nothing controversial here. She added that she is accountable for her actions on this body and if she speaks to public interest attorneys regarding issues that come before Council or fax them agendas, it is her prerogative.

Commented that she would like to know when there is going to be a cost accounting on the parking ticket systems and when will it be made available to Council.

Commented that the residents citywide are very pleased that the swimming pool was open at Vincent Park.

Commented that she believed Council Member Kirkley would speak on the program at Morningside High School.

Council Member Kirkley:

Commented that he has spent 20 years in police work and if the City has dealt with attorneys, they all have their opinions. He also commented that if there are 5 attorneys discussing an issue, you wouldn't have 5 attorneys with the same issue. He further commented that he felt that the position taken by the City should be to follow the advice of the City Attorney because the City hired him. He noted that only one Attorney is responsible for this City.

Commented that ITS has nothing to do with the train system but with controlling of traffic lights and keeping a good flow of the traffic. He further commented that he and Mr. Givens had sat in on discussions and it has been discussed providing the City with a schedule so that the City would know when a vehicle is coming to town. He also noted that there may be some money available for the City.

Reported that the recreational pool at Morningside High School is open and encouraged everyone to participate. For additional information, call the City's recreational department.

Mayor Dorn:

Commented that the Brown Act is not an easy document to understand and has been interpreted by many judges and attorneys.

Thanked Chief Banks for taking an aggressive approach to hiring new police officers and noted that there are a number of individuals in the academy. He noted that as soon as more officers are hired, he and the City Administrator will discuss programs they have talked about earlier.

Commented that ITS is a pilot program and the City is very fortunate. He further commented that the City has obtained funds from Washington to set up the program and he looks forward to that. He also commented that this is the kind of program that will cause the City to move traffic better than any other city in California and maybe the state. He noted that the City is pleased that the project is nearing completion.

134 PUBLIC REMARKS. Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any matter connected with City business not elsewhere considered on the agenda.

Michelle Autry spoke concerning minorities receiving citations, educating the people, water and toxicity and its effect upon persons; acquisition of property, police misbehavior and re-opening Garland Village.

James Beasley, District 1, spoke concerning hiring more police officers, street cleaning at Manchester and Crenshaw where there was a service station and fencing in that area.

Council Member Horton returned in the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:45 p.m.

Dr. Marilyn Douroux, 10400 5th Avenue, spoke concerning working together, 104th and Crenshaw and its current physical condition; persons not being arrested for drinking in the parks.

Aldene Sligh spoke concerning payment of an amount exceeding 2.2 million dollars on the warrant register and the City Administrator's knowledge of the payment, discussing City business in front of the residents and persons reactions, Council Members having access to contracts prior to them being placed on the agenda and Council keeping secrets.

Dr. Mildred McNair reminded the Council Member of District 2 that the name of the regional park in the district is Edward Vincent, Jr. Park; spoke concerning taking a survey of the area - trees, hedges, grass, water, and litter and negative comments regarding Inglewood.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning lack of attendance at a Caltrans meeting by Council Members, minutes of the Aviation Commission of May 26, 2000 not being available and fireworks.

Paul Russell, District 2, commended the City and Police Chief for increased police presence on the streets. He spoke concerning comments about refuse, parking system services, point of sales and sales tax and improvement in staff reports.

Willie Agee spoke concerning problems with Darby Park.

Elizabeth Khoury spoke concerning spending money for office furniture, library exterior and interior, staff report regarding waste management RFP and need for audit for waste management, minutes of Aviation Commission meeting of May 31, 2000.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Dorn declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:16 p.m.

City Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2000

Mayor