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CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA
January 23, 2006

The City Council/Agency Board of the City of Westminster, California convened on January 23, 2006 at 12:35 p.m. in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Administrative Conference Room, 8200 Westminster Blvd, Westminster, California.

12:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: RICE, FRY (arrived at 12:55 p.m.), MARSH, PARIS, QUACH
ABSENT: NONE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

Meeting with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher on 2007 Legislative Priorities (109-05)

Mayor Rice noted that all Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Fry, and welcomed Congressman Dana Rohrabacher and his Deputy District Director, Alberto Sandoval, to the City of Westminster.

City Manager Vangie Schock stated that the City has a list of six projects the City Council is interested in submitting for potential 2007 federal funding. She then asked Marwan Youssef, Public Works Director/City Engineer, to review the list of projects.

Marwan Youssef stated that Westminster has six projects to submit; five being public works projects and one in the Police Department, to be outlined by the Chief of Police.

1. Westminster Rose Center Technology Equipment

Marwan Youssef stated that the City is seeking \$250,000, and has spent \$18 million to date on the Rose Center construction, of which \$1,067,000 was in federal funding.

2. Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements

Marwan Youssef stated that the City is seeking \$3,700,000, of which \$2.4 million has been spent by the City already for traffic calming and safety measures in sections of Westminster.

Congressman Rohrabacher explained that earmarks are likely going to go away, if not this year, then possibly the next. He asked the City to prioritize its list of requests, even though the Congress may take earmarks away altogether.

City Manager Schock noted that the six projects are not listed in priority, and the City is interested in knowing which projects would be looked on most favorably.

Congressman Rohrabacher asked if Measure M money could not be spent on these projects, to which Council Member Marsh responded that Measure M could be used and he sits on a Super Committee to decide the ultimate fate of Measure M. Congressman Rohrabacher responded that Measure M should pay for these types of projects and this is a large amount of money to be requesting for this project, although he can see the safety benefits traffic calming provides.

3. Traffic Signal Coordination

Marwan Youssef stated that the City is requesting \$1,000,000 for the installation of underground fiber optics to better synchronize major streets. Westminster has allocated \$3.7 million to traffic signal coordination, successfully received in competitive Measure M funding and local Traffic Impact Fees.

4. Road Improvements at Westminster Mall

Marwan Youssef stated that the City is requesting \$2,000,000 to upgrade and interconnect signals on Bolsa and Edwards Avenues, and change alignment of Goldenwest Streets' freeway on-and off-ramps, all with the goal of providing better traffic flow at the Mall. The City of Westminster would provide \$500,000 in contributions to this project, which is in preliminary planning stages.

Congressman Rohrabacher asked if it shouldn't be the Mall or new tenants that pay for any improvements which they would benefit from. He reiterated that Congress is cutting back on earmarks, if not now, then conceivably in the future. The most he can do is to make sure Westminster is heard by the various agencies of the federal government. He suggested the City prioritize its transportation funding requests.

5. Flood Control Improvements

Marwan Youssef stated that the City is requesting \$3,300,000 for a pump station for the Westminster Channel. The project would address flooding at 10 homes, caused by a higher water surface elevation in the County Flood Control Channel than the street elevation.

Council Member Marsh stated that it seemed expensive to spend \$3,300,000 for a problem which affects only 10 homes, but a 100-year storm could have a wider impact.

Mayor Rice stated that the flooding has affected Midway Sanitary District's facilities, and there are schools in the area.

Marwan Youssef noted that the Police Department has historically had to evacuate the surrounding streets, with the flooding affecting 10th Street and Cedarwood, as well. He said that even with the County widening the Channel, the problem will still exist, showing a schematic of the drainage issue.

Congressman Rohrabacher expressed that this project appeared to be a promising one for federal funding.

6. Little Saigon Asian Criminal Enterprise Initiative

Chief Andy Hall stated that the City is requesting \$1,524,000 for funding to move the Crimes Against Police Unit to Little Saigon for a period of three years.

Congressman Rohrabacher asked if the federal money would be used for salaries and whether it would be a permanent federal subsidy. Chief Hall responded that the City would evaluate and measure the effectiveness of the program before committing to long-term funding.

The Mayor noted that if the program was truly effective, the City would want to continue it.

Congressman Rohrabacher stated that there is a significant amount of National Security monies available, and he would be willing to put this request in at the \$500,000 level, to get this program going.

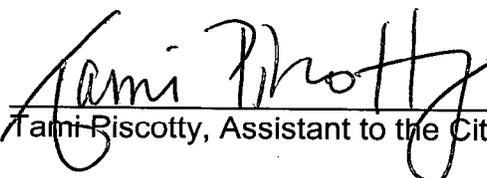
Council Member Marsh stated that the program would allow federal officers to use the City's facilities. He further stated that Westminster has historically been willing to evaluate and terminate programs which have been found not to be effective.

Congressman Rohrabacher suggested that the City Council prioritize the six projects. He stated that he may need to meet with the City again if Congress chooses to allocate an overall dollar amount to road projects, and then require cities to compete for the money.

Mayor Rice, and Council Members Marsh and Quach each said they wanted to put Projects No. 6, then No. 5 up at the top of the list.

2. Tour of the Westminster Rose Center

COUNCIL/AGENCY ADJOURNMENT: At 1:55 p.m.



Tami Riscotty, Assistant to the City Manager