



March 21, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers, Pico Rivera City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California. Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Armenta, Ramirez, Salcido, Mayor Garcia

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Proo

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bob Solis, Planning Commission;  
Tommy Elizalde, Community Resources Advisory Commission

**INVOCATION:**

Delivered by Reverend Richard Ochoa

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by Bob Solis, Planning Commissioner

**1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) Arthur Rocks, 7929 Washington Avenue, Whittier, commented on the following: new Council can lead Pico Rivera to a new and higher plateau; congratulated new Council.
- 2) Al Heredia, 3654 S. Gangel Avenue, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: congratulated David Armenta and Ron Beilke on their election; stop sign needed at Narrows and Kruse Road.
- 3) Anthony Sias, 7711 Rosemead Boulevard #14, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: Korean War Veteran; Veteran's Eternal Flame; supporter of Ron Beilke and recall efforts.
- 4) David Fuentes, P.O. Box 1061, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: President of Pico Boys Baseball League; congratulated David Armenta and Ron Beilke on their election; flooding in T-ball fields at Streamland

Park; asked if T-ball fields can be relocated; thanked the City for all the help they have given the Pico Boys.

- 5) Joe Bueno, 6326 Silverette, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: World War II Veteran; civil liberties; racism; equal rights; critical of Rules of Decorum; congratulated David Armenta and Ron Beilke on their election; RDA debt.
- 6) Joe Marsico, 8136 Bright Street, Whittier, commented on the following: inspired by Mother Teresa; involved with politics for over 30 years; advocate of televised Council meetings.
- 7) Ofelia “Roddie” Rodriguez, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: President of the Pico Rivera Concerned Citizens Committee; disheartened by outcome of election and defeat of Bea Proo; new Council will be watched by Pico Rivera Concerned Citizens Committee; will not hesitate to start a recall if necessary.
- 8) John Belmonte, 8719 Elba Street, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: Vice President of the Pico Rivera Concerned Citizens Committee; disheartened with personal attacks against Bea Proo; will keep watch on how new Council spends money.
- 9) W.B. Pinkerton, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: commended City on graffiti removal; objects to bike lanes; served for over 20 years in military; eternal flame should not be paid for by tax dollars but through private donation; in favor of televised council meetings.
- 10) John Albitre, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: pleased with outcome of election; congratulated David Armenta and Ron Beilke on their election; RDA debt; City Manager’s raise.
- 11) Jacque Gonzalez, 4703 Acacia, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: welcomed Ron Beilke as a new Councilmember.
- 12) Abraham Garnica, 4429 Lindsey Avenue, Pico Rivera, commented on the following: submitted materials to City Clerk; congratulated Ron Beilke on his election; neighbor of Councilmember Ramirez; displeased with action

of Councilmember Ramirez to have a tree removed from his (Garnica's) parkway.

Mayor Carlos Garcia acknowledged former Congressman Esteban Torres, his wife and Supervisor Gloria Molina who were in attendance.

2. **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES DATED MARCH 7, 2005;  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES DATED  
FEBRUARY 9, 2005;  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2005**
3. **REGISTER WARRANTS FOR MARCH 21, 2005 NOS. 204779 THROUGH 205084  
(78.86)**

**CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION:**

Councilmember Salcido moved, Councilmember Armenta seconded to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 and 3. Motion carried.

**AYES:** Armenta, Ramirez, Salcido, Mayor Garcia  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Proo  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**OTHER LEGISLATION:**

5. **BEVERLY BOULEVARD BRIDGE OVER RIO HONDO – CLOSURE FOR  
REMEDIAL BRIDGE REPAIRS (89.04)**

City Manager stated that this is a request to appropriate \$80,000 to work with the City of Montebello and the County of Los Angeles to repair the Beverly Boulevard Bridge over the Rio Hondo River. The County bridge inspection team has completed its annual inspection and has indicated that the bridge is unsafe and needs to be repaired and will be closed as of March 22. He added that Supervisor

Molina has expressed concern about the long-term solution to the repair of this bridge.

Supervisor Molina came to the podium and stated that there are only three ways to cross from Pico Rivera into Montebello and that one of those, the Beverly Boulevard Bridge, is a very important access. She pointed out that the devastation that has taken place due to the rains has not only affected cities but the entire county as well. She added that the cities of Pico Rivera and Montebello share a joint responsibility as they have dual ownership of the bridge. Supervisor Molina continued by saying that the initial repairs will be temporary repairs and will only hold a certain level of traffic and keep the bridge open six to eight months. She stated that the estimated cost to completely repair the bridge will be over \$10 million dollars and would like to work with the City at getting it fully repaired, and would like to see the Resolution that she has put together approved by the Council.

City Manager stated that the proposed Resolution was received late this afternoon and therefore was not placed on the agenda. He added that he would like to have discussions with the City of Montebello and the County to go over the options.

Councilmember Armenta wanted to know if the City Manager knew of the timeline and if the County had notified the City, and why Council was not notified of the timeline if that is the case.

City Manager stated that the estimate of six to eight months was new information and that his understanding is that the plans and specifications for the new bridge are just about complete. He added that the County's participation in this effort is to do the engineering drawings and the temporary repairs would be sufficient to permit a 16 ton limit for the time needed to get to the point where the actual full construction can begin.

Supervisor Molina added that putting together the financing, the drawings, the engineering work and related elements require funding to be in place, otherwise the bridge closes again, so when you look at a timeframe, it isn't as exact as that. She added that the bridge will only hold up potentially for a year once the repairs are in place.

Councilmember Ramirez commented by saying that because the information was just recently received by Council that a commitment could not be given until they

have the opportunity to review with the City of Montebello. He reassured Supervisor Molina that staff will work diligently to come to a mutually satisfactory conclusion.

Councilmember Salcido moved, Councilmember Ramirez seconded to approve Resolution No. 6087 transferring \$80,000 from the Proposition C Fund Balance to the Beverly Bridge Repair over the Rio Hondo River and authorizing expenditures from said account. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 6087 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR BY TRANSFERRING \$80,000 FROM THE PROPOSITION C FUND BALANCE TO THE BEVERLY BRIDGE REPAIR OVER THE RIO HONDO RIVER AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM SAID ACCOUNT**

**AYES:** Armenta, Ramirez, Salcido, Mayor Garcia  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Proo  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**6. CANVASS OF THE MARCH 8, 2005 MUNICIPAL ELECTION (81.200)**

City Clerk stated that on October 4, 2004 City Council approved Resolution No. 6049 which called for a regular municipal election to be held in the City on March 8, 2005. That election has taken place. There were nine candidates for two offices. In addition, Precinct 17 at the Montebello Gardens precinct also voted on members of the Los Angeles Community College District Board. Overall the City experienced a 19.9% turnout by our voters which was up 3% from our most recent municipal election two years ago. Of the total voter turnout approximately 25% was in the form of absentee or provisional votes. The results of the election are that David W. Armenta was re-elected and Ronald M. Beilke was elected. The report completes the canvass required by State Law. Following the canvass, the newly elected officers will be sworn into office and take their seats as members of the Council for a full four year term.

Councilmember Salcido moved, Councilmember Armenta seconded to 1) Adopt Resolution No. 6089 reciting the facts of the March 8, 2005 Municipal Election; and 2) Receive and File the Statement of the City Clerk and Exhibits A, B & C declaring the results of the March 8, 2005 Municipal Election. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 6089 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 8, 2005, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW**

**AYES:** Armenta, Ramirez, Salcido, Mayor Garcia  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Proo  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**7. OATH OF OFFICE (152.01)**

Mayor Garcia introduced Congresswoman Grace Napolitano.

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano asked the newly elected Councilmembers to come forward to the dais, she administered the Oath of Office and delivered Certification of Election to David Armenta and Ron Beilke. Councilmembers took their seats at the dais.

**8. REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL (59.06)**

Outgoing Mayor Garcia thanked those who make being Mayor very special. He thanked the staff for being extremely efficient, Captain Becerra for being safety conscious and efficient, and said that it's not about being Mayor or Councilmember, it's about taking care of our City and without our staff and Captain, this City would not be what it is today. He thanked his family and asked Councilmember Armenta to continue treating everyone with respect, recognizing the fact that being Mayor is not just being Mayor by yourself or a leader of a Council, but being a leader of 66,000 residents. He added that people will look up to him as a leader of their community and that he do it in a professional manner he is capable of. Mayor Garcia also recognized the absence of Councilmember Beatrice Proo. He added Ms. Proo gave more than 20 years of her life to this community, not only on the City

Council but also as a member of the School Board and thanked her for her many years of contributing to the success of this community. The City honors her, respects her and will miss her.

Councilmember Ramirez said to Mayor Garcia that they have had a very good relationship and that although they may not agree on everything, they have agreed to disagree. He added that all prior Councilmembers have kept themselves very professional and his expectation is that Ron as a new member will be able to do the same thing. He thanked Mayor Garcia for his professionalism, friendship, patience, and his devotion to being a Mayor.

Councilmember Garcia congratulated David Armenta and Ron Beilke on their election to City Council.

Councilmember Armenta thanked Mayor Garcia for being Mayor and added that it is difficult to be a councilmember because you can't please everyone all the time. He thanked him for a job well done and for being a friend.

City Clerk opened nominations for the office of the Mayor.

Councilmember Ramirez nominated Councilmember Armenta, Councilmember Garcia seconded. Motion carried.

**AYES:** Beilke, Garcia, Ramirez, Salcido, Mayor Armenta

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

City Clerk announced that David Armenta had been elected Mayor of Pico Rivera.

Newly elected Mayor Armenta opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Beilke nominated Councilmember Ramirez, Mayor Armenta seconded. Motion carried.

**AYES:** Beilke, Garcia, Ramirez, Salcido, Mayor Armenta  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

City Clerk announced that E.A. “Pete” Ramirez had been elected Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Mayor.

Mayor Armenta thanked his family, friends and neighbors for their support. He congratulated Ron Beilke on his electoral success and looks forward to serving with him and his three colleagues. He added that he will be asking his colleagues to consider appointing various committees to include government reform and a series of town hall meetings. Mayor Armenta plans to work on creating a Railroad Safety Task Force; anti-graffiti and anti-gang programs; review the LASD contract; increase revenues; attract new businesses, and improve the quality of life in Pico Rivera.

Councilmember Beilke thanked his family and friends for their support; recognized his family members and members of his campaign; thanked Congresswoman Napolitano for her support; thanked City staff members for their cooperation; congratulated Mayor Armenta and Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez.

Councilmember Salcido congratulated Mayor Armenta and Councilmember Beilke on their re-election and election to City Council; gave recognition to a real sense of community despite disagreements; recognized that every member on Council was overwhelmingly elected and added that this is the body that needs to take the City into the future; he pledged his cooperation knowing that there may be disagreements along the way, and looks forward to working together to move the City forward.

Mayor Armenta recognized Gerri Guzman, Treasurer of Montebello, as well as Members of the Pico Water District and School Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Salcido moved, Councilmember Garcia seconded to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:43 P.M. There being no objection it was so ordered.

**AYES:** Beilke, Garcia, Ramirez, Salcido, Mayor Armenta

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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David W. Armenta, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Christine J. Schaefer, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the City Council Regular Meeting dated March 21, 2005 and approved by the City Council on April 4, 2005.

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Christine J. Schaefer, City Clerk