

**MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETINGS  
NORWALK CITY COUNCIL  
NORWALK, CALIFORNIA  
NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

**CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

Mayor Rios called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California. Responding to roll call were Councilmembers Perez, Ramirez, and Valencia, and Mayor Rios. Vice Mayor Ayala arrived after roll call. Also present were Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager; Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; John Lam, Deputy City Attorney; and Theresa Devoy, City Clerk.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

There were no persons wishing to address City Council on the matters to be discussed in closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

City Council immediately convened to closed session for discussion on the following matters:

- I. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9 (d)(2): One matter related to the threat of litigation regarding the property located at 11642 Firestone Boulevard based upon a letter submitted to the City by the law firm Allen Matkins dated October 30, 2024.
- II. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9(d)(2) – Significant exposure to litigation in one case.
- III. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8: Property: Assessor Parcel Number 8045-008-902 (California Youth Authority); Negotiating Parties: Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager, on behalf of the City and State of California; Under Negotiation; Price and Terms of Payment.

**RECESS**

City Council recessed at 6:05 p.m. pending the commencement of the regular meeting.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Rios called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California. City Council was present in its entirety with Councilmembers Perez, Ramirez, and Valencia, Vice Mayor Ayala, and Mayor Rios responding to roll call. Also present were Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager; Arnold M. Alvarez, City Attorney; John Lam, Deputy City Attorney; and Theresa Devoy, City Clerk.

The invocation was delivered by Arthur McKibben, La Mirada Church of the Nazarene; followed by the flag salute, led by Hailee Garcia, Hutchinson Middle School.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.69 (D)(2).

The City Attorney indicated that there was no reportable action taken on Item No. I,

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.69 (D)(2).

The City Attorney reported that Item No. II had not been discussed; therefore, City Council would recess back into Closed Session following the regular City Council meeting.

Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8.

The City Attorney reported that during the discussion of Item No. III, he advised City Council to continue the Public Hearing listed on the Agenda as Item No. 11 to a future date to allow staff time to review/respond to correspondence received after the posting of the Agenda.

Councilmember Ramirez moved and Councilmember Valencia seconded to continue the Public Hearing to November 19, 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Councilmembers Perez, Ramirez, Valencia, Vice Mayor Ayala, and Mayor Rios  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Perez reported on her attendance at the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Risk Management Educational Forum, the Flip the Switch Ceremony, various Halloween events, and the California Contract Cities Association's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual City Managers Summit which she co-hosted; thanked city employees for all the successful Halloween events; shared that City newsletters and bulletins were distributed; congratulated her colleagues on their re-election; and wished Vice Mayor Ayala a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Ayala encouraged all to read the recent *Norwalk Now*; announced that the Soroptimist International of Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs has an education and training awards program titled Live Your Dream and encouraged application submittals and shared that they are hosting a Flapjack Fundraiser November 9 at the Applebee's located at 12129 Imperial Highway. Mayor Rios reported on her attendance at the Solar Panel Project Groundbreaking Ceremony; invited all to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony November 11 at City Hall and the Mercy Housing Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony November 15 at the Mercy Housing Veterans Villas; and shared that she has a few extra tickets available for the Flapjack Fundraiser.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

City Council recognized Jerald R. Hall for his community service and dedication to Norwalk.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

An Athens Disposal update was provided by Iso Nakasato, Director of Government Affairs, at Athens Services.

Videos were shared highlighting Halloween in Norwalk, State of the City 2024, and the "Bi-Weekly Review."

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent calendar items are considered routine matters which may be enacted by one motion and roll call vote. Councilmember Perez moved and Councilmember Valencia seconded to approve consent calendar as recommended. **MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Councilmembers Perez, Ramirez, Valencia, Vice Mayor Ayala, and Mayor Rios  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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**WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA**

*City Council waived reading in full of all ordinances on the agenda and declared that said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

City Council approved the minutes of the meetings of October 15 and 18, 2024. 825-04

**PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 - OCTOBER 12, 2024**

City Council approved gross payroll in the amount of \$1,300,589.82; the payroll check numbers 38262 – 38271 and the voucher numbers 337620 – 338125, in the total net amount of \$955,237.54 for the pay period September 29, 2024 – October 12, 2024. 630

**COMMERCIAL DEMANDS**

City Council approved the warrant register period October 8, – October 21, 2024, in the total amount of \$5,983,656.66. 640

**PLANNING COMMISSION SYNOPSIS - OCTOBER 23, 2024**

No action taken. 320

**PROJECT NO. 7232 – APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON ALONDRA BOULEVARD FROM HOME DEPOT TO SHOEMAKER AVENUE [FEDERAL PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5347(042)] – ENGINEERS REPORT 24-17**

City Council approved an Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Select Electric Inc. to continue the scope of work of Construction for Project No. 7232 in an amount of \$224,051.90 of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, which will increase the agreement amount from \$1,595,850 to \$2,218,864.40; and authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney. 1005-04-7232

**PROJECT NO. 7232 - AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON ALONDRA BOULEVARD FROM HOME DEPOT TO SHOEMAKER AVENUE - ENGINEERS REPORT 24-15**

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City Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. to continue the scope of work of Construction Management and Inspection Services for Project No. 7232 in an amount not to exceed \$53,998.50, which will increase the agreement amount from \$159,235, not to exceed \$213,233.50; and authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

1005-04-7232

**PROJECT NO. 7233 - APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON FIRESTONE BOULEVARD FROM WEST CITY LIMITS TO ROSECRANS AVENUE [FEDERAL PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5347(043)] - ENGINEERS REPORT 24-18**

City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Select Electric Inc. to continue the scope of work of Construction for Project No. 7233 in the amount of \$85,266, which will increase the agreement amount from \$1,310,500 to \$1,592,341; and authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment, on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

1005-04-7233

**PROJECT NO. 7933 - REHABILITATION AND STRIPING MODIFICATIONS ON EXCELSIOR DRIVE / AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES, ENGINEERS REPORT NO. 24-16**

City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to Willdan Engineering's Engineering Services Agreement in the amount of \$55,000, to provide completion services for Project No. 7933, Rehabilitation and Striping Modifications on Excelsior Drive; and authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

1005-04-7933

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADVISORY BODY APPOINTMENTS**

None.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-58 - FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT STATE CLEARING HOUSE NO. 2022070103 / RESOLUTION NO. 24-56 - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2022-01 (2024-01) / RESOLUTION NO. 24-57 - ZONE CHANGE NO. 2022-01 (2024-02) / ORDINANCE NO. 24-1754 - ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2022-02 (2024-04) TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC PLAN AREA NO. 17, THE "NORWALK TRANSIT VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN"**

*(continued from October 15, 2024)*

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Mayor Rios announced that the public hearing would be continued to the November 19 City Council meeting. 320-02-01-2022-01(2024-01)/320-09-2022-01(2024-02)/320-05-2022-02(2024-04)/1005-04-7859

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Addressing City Council was Melissa.

**RECONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION**

There being no further business to come before City Council, the meeting reconvened to closed session at 7:01 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Closed Session adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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**THERESA DEVOY, CMC  
CITY CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARGARITA L. RIOS  
MAYOR**