

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District was called to order by the President Karen Samson Runion at 7:30 p.m. at the office of the District at 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, CA 92879.

Director's present were Samson Runion, Serrato, Cacho, Barajas and Garrison. Also present were, Janey Gress, General Manager; Tracey LaBonte, Staff Assistant and Alan Burns, District Counsel.

President Samson Runion moved to Item IV on the agenda.

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2021 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Garrison, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Expenditures for the month of March 2021 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Garrison, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly expenditures as presented.

Budget Efficiency Report: None.

Manager Gress presented the Income Revenue report. Discussion followed.

Staff Reports:

1. On March 17<sup>th</sup> the District received an email from the Government Relations Officer from Western Municipal Water District concerning a Utility Assistant Letter to the Riverside Board of Supervisors. They are asking for an updated list of the District's total amount of past due patrons. They would like this number provided to them by Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

President Samson Runion moved to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The meeting was called to public hearing at 7:40 p.m. District Counsel Alan Burns presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President Samson Runion. The hearing was being held pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 6523.2. No persons notified of this hearing appeared to present evidence of why they should not be disconnected from the public sewer system. The General Manager was called to present the status of the accounts. Manager Gress testified that the status of accounts as presented in the attached "Notice of Hearing" was accurate and that all persons on the list had been duly notified of the hearing. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Cacho, and unanimously carried to disconnect all delinquent properties from the sewer system on or after April 15, 2021 if the accounts are not paid in full on or before that date. This hearing concluded at 7:44 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority for February 25, 2021.

1. A motion was made by the Board of Directors to adopt Resolution 21-002 supporting a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency.
2. The Board of Director made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-004 recognizing S.R. Al Lopez for his service to WRCRWA's Board of Directors.
3. A motion was made by the Board of Directors to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Independent Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements.
4. The Board of Directors approved a purchase order increase for a not to exceed \$65,000 to the existing Professional Services Contract with Jacobs Engineering from \$256,916 to \$321,916 in order to modify the plans and specifications for the Odor Mitigation Project to incorporate the necessary changes to avoid costly conflicts with duct support and footings during construction at the WRCRWA Wastewater Treatment Plant.
5. The Board of Directors approved the Administrator to increase the existing Best Best & Krieger, LLP purchase order 5460, by \$100,000 to continue providing legal services for the W.M. Lyles/Cor-Ray Painting Litigation matter through June 30, 2021. This increase will bring the purchase order total from \$85,074 to \$185,074.


Items for discussion and consideration:

1. The Board discussed March's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance, Inc.
2. The Board, Staff and Counsel discussed the re-certification of the Home Gardens Sanitary District's Sewer System Management Plan and some of the things that have been done by staff, Counsel and District Engineer. Progress is being made on different segments of the SSMP. This item will be on next month's agenda.
3. The Board discussed District Operation's, Disconnections, and Late Fees considering the COVID-19 pandemic. Operations will remain the same, disconnect letters have been sent out with this billing, liens will be placed after the due date after each customer is notified. Late fees will be placed after the due date in March. Staff Assistant Tracey LaBonte will call the District's Billing Software Tech support to confirm that the late fee will only apply to the most current charges before applying late fees. This will be a recurring item on the agenda as needed.

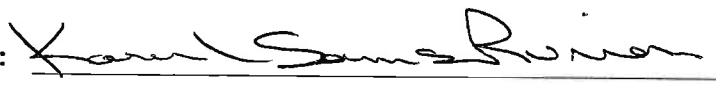
Closed Session: None.

Director Comments: Director Garrison asked District Counsel Burns to give the Board an overview of Costa Mesa Sanitary District's successful defense in a federal lawsuit against California River Watch.

There being no further business, President Samson Runion adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

  
Miguel Serrato, Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Board of Directors of the Home Gardens Sanitary District at the regularly scheduled meeting of said Board April 27, 2021.

Signed:   
Karen Samson Runion, President

  
Miguel Serrato, Secretary