

HOME GARDENS SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY 25, 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 7:32 p.m. at the office of the District, 13538 Magnolia Ave., Corona, California.

Directors present were: Samson Runion, Serrato, Cacho, Barajas and Garrison. Also, present Alan Burns, District Counsel; Janey Gress, General Manager, Tracey LaBonte, Staff Assistant and Tania Duarte, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2021 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Manager Gress presented the Budget Efficiency and Income Revenue reports. Discussion followed.

Staff Report:

1. On April 28th 2021, director Garrison went to Citizens Business Bank and transferred \$400,000 from the General Fund account to the LAIF account.

President Samson Runion then moved to Item II on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Hearing for Delinquent Accounts:

The meeting was called to public hearing at 7:50 p.m. District Counsel Alan Burns presented an overview of the hearing, which was presided over by the President, Karen Samson Runion. The hearing was being held pursuant of 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. Janey 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 Barajas and unanimously carried to disconnect those properties in the "Notice of Hearing" from the sewer system on or after June 15, 2021. This hearing concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority

Recycled Water Workshop, May 17, 2021:

During that workshop, two options were discussed.

1. The first was with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA). IEUA proposed to build and install the infrastructure necessary to carry recycled water from the WRCRWA treatment

plant to IEUA's facilities. IEUA would then buy recycled water from WRCRWA at a rate of between \$120 to \$225 per acre foot, depending on how long of a contract WRCRWA was willing to enter into with IEUA.

2. The second involves JCSD. JCSD would like to bring WRCRWA members in as "partners" on a pump station and facilities to move water to JCSD. JCSD did not mention what price it was willing to pay or could get for the recycled water. More research is needed to determine the cost of the facilities and the price JCSD's proposal would yield for the water. While discussions are still preliminary, it is very encouraging that we now have two separate options for moving and monetizing recycled water.

Items for discussion and consideration:

1. The Board Discussed April's Monthly Status Report from G & G Environmental Compliance.
2. After consideration of the Letter the District received from David and Loretta Buswell to waive the late fee of \$13.50 and bank charge fee of \$15.00 incurred for the billing period of March and April 2021, Director Cacho made a motion to approve the request to waive the District's late fee, but to deny the \$15.00 bank charge, Director Serrato seconded the motion and the request was unanimously approved.
3. After consideration of the Letter the District received from Winston Chue to waive the late fee incurred in March 2021 in the amount of \$13.50, Director Garrison made a motion to approve the request, Director Barajas seconded the motion and the request was unanimously approved.

4. 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, District engineer Sims is working with Western Municipal Water District concerning a possible change in notification responsibility after a sewer system overflow. This item will be on next month's agenda.
5. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Garrison and unanimously carried to adopt WRCRWA's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 and approved Resolution No. 503, approving and ratifying the budget of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority.
6. Motion was made by Director Serrato, seconded by Director Garrison, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 503, approving and ratifying the budget of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority.
7. After discussion of the District's Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, a motion was made by Director Barajas, seconded by Director Cacho and unanimously carried to approve the Home Gardens Sanitary District Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.
8. 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 due date in May.

9. The Board and Staff discussed General Manager Gress' retirement celebration. Staff will coordinate with the Board to find a date agreeable for all.

Closed Session:

1. The Board adjourned to closed session with Manager Gress present pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and 54957.6 to discuss the performance of District staff and possible increase in compensation. Upon a vote of 5-0, the Board directed Manager Gress to negotiate with the employees.

Open Session


The Board then reconvened to open session. Manager Gress announced that she had negotiated with the employees and reported that Tracey LaBonte would accept a salary of \$60,00 a year as the new General Manager, (which is subject to Board approval at a subsequent meeting pursuant to Government Code Section 54956), Tania Duarte would receive a salary of \$40,000 a year as the Administrative Assistant and Silvia Flores will remain at \$17.00 per hour.

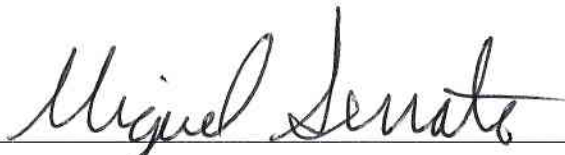
Directors Comments: None.

There being no further business President Samson Runion adjourned the meeting at 8:58 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 June 22, 2021.

Signed: 
Karen Samson Runion, President


Miguel Serrato, Secretary