

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDWAY CITY
SANITARY DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY
14451 CEDARWOOD STREET
WESTMINSTER, CA 92683**

August 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President M. Nguyen called the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Midway City Sanitary District to order at 5:31 p.m., on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 14451 Cedarwood Street, Westminster, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mark Nguyen
Sergio Contreras
Andrew Nguyen
Chi Charlie Nguyen

ABSENT:

Tyler Diep

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Housley, General Manager
Ashley Davies, Dir. of Servs. & Program Development
Milo Ebrahimi, District Engineer, P.E

OTHERS PRESENT:

James H. Eggart, General Counsel, Woodruff & Smart
Joseph Larsen, Labor Counsel, Rutan & Tucker
Terry Rains, Resident of Westminster
Kathy Cruz, Realtor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Director S. Contreras led the Pledge of Allegiance. Director C. Nguyen conducted the Invocation.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Acting Clerk of the Board, A. Davies announced a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

T. Rains addressed the Board stating that serving the residents of Westminster and Midway City should take precedence over any personal or political agendas.

PRESENTATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting on August 6, 2024

A motion was made by Director C. Nguyen, seconded by Director A. Nguyen, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 6, 2024. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

AYES: A. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, S. Contreras, and C. Nguyen
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: T. Diep

REPORTS

Report of President

President M. Nguyen reported that he attended the most recent Westminster City Council meeting to see if the sponsorship of the Midway City Sanitary District 85th Anniversary event would be approved. However, the majority of the time was taken up by the public comments, so the City didn't have the opportunity to speak on the matter.

Report of the General Manager

GMR. Housley reported on events occurring at the District. He also reported that he attended the SDRMA Board meeting and the Los Angeles Digital Government Summit.

Report of the Director of Services & Program Development

Director of Services & Program Development A. Davies reported on the outreach activities she will be participating in this coming week. She gave an update on SB 1383 regulations and reported that the 85th anniversary event mailers had been sent.

Report of Radio Outreach with VietLink on August 8, 2024

Director A. Nguyen and Director S. Contreras reported that they attended the recording to inform residents on SB 1383 regulations, District services, and upcoming events.

Report of Radio Outreach with Me Vietnam on August 9, 2024

President M. Nguyen and Director C. Nguyen reported that they attended the recording to inform residents on SB 1383 regulations, District services, and upcoming events.

Report of Clean-up Event at Bowling Green Park on August 10, 2024

President M. Nguyen reported that he attended the event with Director T. Diep, Director A. Nguyen, and Director C. Nguyen and shared that it was another successful one.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Receive and File the Register of Demands in the Amount of \$786,759.04
- B. Approve and File the Treasurer's Investment Report for July 2024
- C. Approve a \$1,000 Economic Suggestion Award to Lead Fleet Maintenance Mechanic, Raul Martinez for Making an Economic Suggestion that Reduced the Cost and Increased Operational Efficiency for the Replacement of the Firewall Protection in the Solid Waste Department's Trucks, Saving the District \$26,000
- D. Receive and File the Engineer Report for July 2024

E. Approve the Purchase of One (1) New 2024 Electric Pickup Truck

A motion was made by Director C. Nguyen, seconded by Director S. Contreras, to remove item 7E and approve items 7A through 7D of the Consent Calendar. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

- AYES: A. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, S. Contreras, and C. Nguyen
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: T. Diep

Director C. Nguyen asked if item 7E may lawfully be placed on the agenda under the consent calendar.

Legal Counsel, J. Eggart confirmed that it is legal for item 7E to be included in the consent calendar.

A motion was made by Director C. Nguyen, seconded by Director S. Contreras, to approve item 7E to authorize the General Manager to negotiate for and purchase one 2024 Ford F-150 Lightning 4x4 Supercrew electric pickup truck at a total cost not exceeding \$90,000 and authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents for said purchase.. The motion was approved by the following 4-0 vote:

- AYES: A. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, S. Contreras, and C. Nguyen
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: T. Diep

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Sponsorship of the City of Westminster’s Fall Festival

Director C. Nguyen recused himself from the matter and left the room.

A staff report and recommendations were provided to and considered by the Board. A motion was made by President M. Nguyen, seconded by Director S. Contreras, to approve District sponsorship of the City of Westminster Fall Festival at the Silver sponsor level in the amount of \$1000, and to provide an in-kind service, upon request, of disposable cardboard trash cans. The motion was approved by the following 3-0 vote:

- AYES: A. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, and S. Contreras
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAIN: C. Nguyen
- ABSENT: T. Diep

Director C. Nguyen returned to the room.

B. Discussion of Exploring Opportunities for the Purchase of Additional Real Property to Meet the District’s Future Needs

A staff report and presentation by GM. R. Housley were provided to and considered by the Board.

Realtor, K. Cruz addressed the Board regarding specific properties that are currently available and listed for sale in the District and the process to purchase property..

Director C. Nguyen asked T. Rains, a resident, for her thoughts on the matter.

With the approval of President M. Nguyen, T. Rains addressed the Board and requested that the District look into purchasing properties in the industrial rather than residential areas.

The Board discussed exploring the purchase of additional property and related parameters. The consensus of the Board was that the General Manager should continue to investigate potential opportunities for the District to purchase additional real estate in the industrial areas within the District and report back to the Board. No action had been taken.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC) 2024 Election Timeline

Received and File.

BOARD CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

The Directors thanked staff.

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF CONCERNS AND COMMENT

GM R. Housley reminded the Board of upcoming meetings.

GENERAL COUNSEL CONCERNS AND COMMENTS - None

With the consent of the full Board, General Counsel, J. Eggart convened the meeting into closed session at 6:34 P.M. for consideration for the following matter identified on the Agenda pursuant to applicable law.

CLOSED SESSIONS

CLOSED SESSION: During the course of conducting the business set forth on this agenda as a regular meeting of the Board, the Chair may convene the Board in closed session to consider matters of pending real estate negotiations, pending or potential litigation, or personnel matters, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.8, 54956.9, 54957 or 54957.6, as noted.

Reports relating to (a) purchase and sale of property; (b) matters of pending or potential litigation; (c) employment actions or negotiations with employee representatives; or which are exempt from public disclosure under the California Public Records Act, may be reviewed by the Board during a permitted closed session and are not available for public inspection. At such time as the Board takes final action on any of these subjects, the minutes will reflect all required disclosures of information.

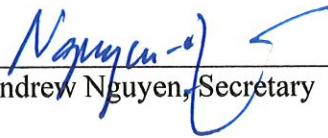
- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Title: Agency Designated Representatives: GM Robert Housley, Labor Counsel Joseph Larsen
Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, LOCAL 1734-01

President M. Nguyen reconvened the open session portion of the meeting at 6:54 P.M.

President M. Nguyen reported that the Board had met in closed session as identified on Agenda Item 14A, and that no reportable action had been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

President M. Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 6:54 P.M. to the next Board Meeting to be held at the District on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.



Andrew Nguyen, Secretary