

The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, Mayor Butts called the City Council into joint session with the Successor Agency, and Housing Authority at the hour of 2:01 p.m.

The City Clerk/Successor Agency Secretary/Housing Authority Secretary announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Mayor/Successor Agency Chairman/Housing Authority Chairman Butts/Council Members/Successor Agency Members/Housing Authority Members Dotson, Padilla, Morales and Franklin; and
Absent: None.

City/Successor Agency/Housing Authority officials and personnel present were as follows:

Yvonne Horton	City Clerk/Secretary*
Artie Fields	City Manager/Executive Director*
Wanda Brown	City Treasurer/Treasurer*
Ken Campos	City Attorney/General Counsel*
David Esparza	Asst. City Manager/CFO
Aisha Thompson	Deputy City Clerk

* Serves as indicated for the Successor Agency, and Housing Authority

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS. Mayor/Successor Agency Chairman/Housing Authority Chairman Butts inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority on any item on the Agenda.

There was no response.

142.9 **PAYMENT OF WARRANTS AND BILLS.** It was moved by Council Member/Successor Agency Member / Housing Authority Member Franklin, and seconded by Council Member/Successor Agency Member/Housing Authority Member Dotson that the demands presented to the City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority dated January 31, 2020, in the amount of \$4,047,536.85, are hereby allowed, and the City Clerk/Successor Agency Secretary/Housing Authority Secretary is hereby authorized to certify upon said registers that said demands are so approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members/Successor Agency Members/Housing Authority Members Dotson, Padilla, Morales, Franklin and Mayor/Successor Agency Chairman/Housing Authority Chairman Butts; and
Noes: None.

132 **CLAIMS DENIED.** Letters from the Office of the City Attorney recommending the following:

A. Reject the following claims filed pursuant to Government Code Section 913:

- 1) Bertha Del Carmen Aceves for alleged personal injury on June 1, 2019.
- 2) Joannie Wilson for alleged personal injury on August 5, 2019.

It was moved by Council Member Morales, seconded by Council Member Franklin, that the City Council does hereby reject the claims listed as A1-A2. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Dotson, Padilla, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Butts; and
Noes: None.

125 **AMENDMENT ONE TO AGREEMENT NO. 19-302 APPROVED – MEYERS NAVE RIBACK SILVER & WILSON, PC; PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED AUTHORIZED.** Staff report dated February 4, 2020, was presented recommending approval of Amendment One to Agreement No. 19-302 with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson, PC for expanded legal services and additional compensation.

It was moved by Council Member Morales, and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby: 1) Approve Amendment One to Agreement No. 19-302 in the amount of \$500,000; and 2) Authorize payment of outstanding invoices for legal services rendered in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Dotson, Padilla, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Butts; and
Noes: None.

171 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT NO. 20-122 APPROVED – LOS ANGELES FOOD BANK.** Staff report dated February 4, 2020, was presented recommending approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Food Bank, to support participation in the Older Adult Expansion Program.

It was moved by Council Member Morales, and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby approve Memorandum of Understanding Agreement No. 20-122 with the Los Angeles Food Bank. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Dotson, Padilla, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Butts; and
Noes: None.

183 **APPROVAL OF USE OF THE AGREEMENT FORM CONSISTING OF 31 PAGES WITHDRAWN; USE OF AGREEMENT FORM CONSISTING OF 3 PAGES APPROVED - GRIFFITH COMPANY, INC.** Staff report dated February 4, 2020, was presented recommending two clarification actions be taken regarding the December 17, 2019 award of a Contract (Agreement No. 20-085) to Griffith Company, Inc. for the Transit Center Project for \$5,480,500.00 (inclusive of the Contractor's bid of \$4,982,273.00 plus a 10% City controlled contingency of \$498,227.00) per the terms, conditions and provisions of the Bid Documents for Bid No. CB-19-18.

It was moved by Council Member Morales, and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby: 1) Withdraw approval of the use of the Agreement Form which was before the City Council on December 17, 2019, as that Agreement Form, consisting of 31 pages (31 Page Agreement Form), was not part of the Bid Documents for Bid No. CB-19-18; and 2) Approve the use of the Agreement Form, consisting of 3 pages, which was a part of the Bid Documents for Bid No. CB-19-18 (3 Page Agreement Form). The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Dotson, Padilla, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Butts; and
Noes: None.

301 **PUBLIC HEARING SET – APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 2019-014 (SP-2019-014) TO ALLOW SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION FROM AN EXSISTING CONVENIENCE MARKET AT 400 WEST MANCHESTER BOULEVARD.** Staff report dated February 4, 2020, was presented requesting that a public hearing be set to consider an appeal of Planning Commission Denial of Special Use Permit No. 2019-014 (SP-2019-014) to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption from an existing convenience market at 400 West Manchester Boulevard.

Mayor Butts set the public hearing for February 25, 2020, at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

219 **REPORTS – CITY TREASURER.** City Treasurer, Dr. Wanda Brown, thanked Council Member Dotson, and Council Member Franklin for meeting with her to discuss the finances of the City. She spoke with Congresswoman Maxine Waters who stated that the numbers from the net assets/unrestricted fund balance were obscene and very serious. Dr. Brown stated that she agrees with the article written by John Marlick. Dr. Brown also commented that she feels it will be unlikely that the City will be able to overcome \$450 million dollars unrestricted net balance. She explained that the \$450 million dollars represent regular fund dollars that are unencumbered or no claims to, after all bills are paid.

Dr. Brown also clarified that had she known a City employee would have been the first person drawn to qualify for the 1st Time Home Buyer’s Lottery, she would not have participated. She stated that since the last City Council meeting (January 28, 2020), she has received over 36 telephone calls regarding the Home Buyers Lottery, and one in particular from former Los Angeles Police Chief, and Council Member Bernard Parks who was concerned with the City of Inglewood First-time Housing Program. Lastly she stated that she will be offering free income tax services to retired senior citizens ages 55 years and older that live in the City of Inglewood starting February 10, 2020 until March 31, 2020.

127 **MAYOR BUTTS REMARKS.** Mayor Butts asked Sharon Koike, Assistant Finance Director, about information regarding the CAFR, and how net asset/net liabilities are calculated. She stated that \$266 million dollars is in the PERS unfunded liability. Mayor Butts stated that the \$266 million dollars is an estimate that PERS make every 2 years. It is based on what it would take to fund the retirements for every one that is retired right now, and until they die, and everyone that is working that would retire assuming they would retire, until they die. Mrs. Koike confirmed that if everyone working for the City of Inglewood retired today, along with those that are already retired, \$266 million dollars would be what the City would pay for their retirement and perpetuity. However, everyone that is employed with the City of Inglewood today, isn’t retiring tomorrow. She also confirmed that the \$266 million dollars is only a projected estimate given if the stock market changed and PERS receives over and above the 7% that they projected. Additionally, Mayor Butts inquired if the Bond rating agencies base their credit worthiness on projection or the City’s ability to fund the retirement system. Mrs. Koike confirmed that credit worthiness is based on the ability to fund the retirement system. Mayor Butts asked if the City has missed any retirement payments. Mrs. Koike stated no the City has not. Mayor Butts furthered inquired how many bond ratings has the City of Inglewood had? Mrs. Koike stated the City of Inglewood has had four.

Mayor Butts stated that the Bond Agencies are the true barometer of credit worthiness for the City. He also stated that the Bond Agencies decide at what level a City is able to borrow money. Mayor Butts inquired if the City of Inglewood is in danger of being insolvent. She commented no. Mayor Butts asked if Moody’s has rated the City of Inglewood from time to time as the most liquid city in the country. She confirmed this was correct. Mayor Butts inquired if any of the rating agencies have expressed concerns about the City’s solvency and credit worthiness. Mrs. Koike answered “No, they have done the opposite”. Mayor Butts stated when he took office, the city’s rating was a –BBB, he then asked Mrs. Koike what is the City of Inglewood’s credit rating today, and she stated –AA.

PUBLIC REMARKS. Mayor Butts inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any matter connected with City business not elsewhere considered on the Agenda.

Stuart Bailey thanked the City Council Members for holding their holiday toy drives for the residents of Inglewood residents.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Butts declared the meeting adjourned in memory of Kobe Bryant, Gianna Bryant, and the other persons aboard who lost their lives in the tragedy at the hour of 2:31 p.m.

February 4, 2020

Approved this 25th day of February, 2020

Yvonne Horton, City Clerk

James Butts, Jr., Mayor