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Mayor Busch asked Staff to pursue it with EMWD and called for a motion.

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M/S/C: (Yarbrough/Landers) to adopt Resolution Number 3596 approving Negative Declaration 2208, TPM 34199, and DPR 05-0379 for the subdivision of 4.72 acres into 10 industrial lots, and construction of 10 concrete tilt-up buildings for warehousing purposes, based on the findings and information contained in the Staff Report, subject to Conditions of Approval.

Motion to adopt Resolution Number 3596 approving ND 2208, TPM 34199, and DPR 05-0379 for the subdivision of 4.72 acres into 10 industrial lots, and construction of 10 concrete tilt-up buildings for warehousing purposes.

AYES: Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers, Busch
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Approved: 5-0

F. Consideration to introduce for First Reading Ordinance Number 1185 amending Chapter 5.04 of the Municipal Code to exempt the business license requirement for vendors participating in City of Perris sponsored special events.

Introduction of First Reading of Ordinance Number 1185 amending Chapter 5.04 of the Municipal Code to exempt the business license requirements for vendors participating in City of Perris sponsored special events.

The First Reading of Ordinance Number 1185 is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS ADDING SECTION 5.04.130 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 1185 adding Section 5.04.130 to the Municipal Code, providing for certain exemptions to the business license requirements for City-sponsored events.

Introduced by: Darren Madkin, Assistant to the City Manager

Mr. Madkin stated that this Ordinance was being introduced for First Reading to allow an exemption from the requirement to obtain a business license for vendors that participate in City-sponsored special events. He said that currently when vendors participate in these events they are required to obtain a business license and pay the same fees that a business based in Perris would pay for a full year. This would allow organizers of special events to expand their recruitment efforts and encourage as many vendors as possible to participate in special events so that Perris can stay competitive with some of the events that are being held in surrounding cities. This Ordinance gives the Council the flexibility to add future City-sponsored events by resolution, without having to amend the Ordinance.

Mr. Madkin explained that this Ordinance would allow organizers of special City-sponsored events to expand their recruitment efforts and encourage as many vendors as possible to participate in these events so that Perris can stay competitive with events held in surrounding cities.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No Public Comment

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Council Questions/Discussion

Mr. Yarbrough asked if Staff was proposing a "no fee" for these events. Mr. Madkin said it would waive the requirement to even obtain a business license for special events. Mr. Yarbrough thought there should be at least a token amount charged in order to get a commitment from the vendor. Mr. Madkin said they were just proposing waiving the business license requirement, but they would still require vendors to pay a booth rental fee, because it does present the potential for income for the City. That fee would help to assure that the vendors show up.

Mr. Yarbrough asked if Staff was proposing a "no fee" for these events. Mr. Madkin said they were just proposing waiving the business license requirement; they would still require vendors to pay a booth rental fee, which would help to assure that the vendors show up.

Councilmember Motte was in favor of this proposal.

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Mayor Busch called for a motion.

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M/S/C: (Landers/Yarbrough) to introduce for First Reading Ordinance Number 1185 amending Chapter 5.04 of the Municipal Code to exempt the business license requirement for vendors participating in City of Perris sponsored special events.

Motion to introduce for First Reading Ordinance Number 1185 amending Chapter 5.04 of the Municipal Code to exempt the business license requirement for vendors participating in City-sponsored special events.

AYES: Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers, Busch
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Approved: 5-0

9. BUSINESS ITEMS (not requiring a "Public Hearing"):

A. Consideration to award bid to Environmental Construction, Inc., for the construction of Redlands Park.

Award of bid to Environmental Construction, Inc., for the construction of Redlands Park.

Introduced by: Darren Madkin, Assistant to the City Manager

Mr. Madkin stated that the Redlands Park Project was being presented for award of a construction contract. He said the City Clerk had opened the sealed bids on February 22nd, with the low bid of $3,261,747.86 having been submitted by Environmental Construction, Inc. Mr. Madkin further stated that the park, situated on 7-1/2 acres, would feature three ball fields, a restroom and small concession building, a tot lot, and a walkway connecting Redlands Park with Bob Long Park. Since the low bid came in above the City's estimate, Staff was also recommending that the City Council appropriate $1.4 million from uncommitted Park DIF funds to the Redlands Park Project, which would create a total project budget of $3,589,000. This overage was due to an increase in construction costs. Mr. Madkin said Staff had conferred with the Parks & Recreation Committee and they had concurred with Staff's recommendation to award this contract and to make that appropriation.

Mr. Madkin stated that the low bid on the Redlands Park Project was $3,261,747.86, submitted by Environmental Construction, Inc. Because this was above the City's estimate, due to rising construction costs. Staff was recommending that the Council appropriate $1.4 million from uncommitted Park DIF funds to the Redlands Park Project, creating a total project budget of $3,589,000, and award this contract to Environmental Construction, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

No Public Comment

COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

Council Questions/Discussion

Mayor Busch asked if the City had ever used the services of Environmental Construction, Inc. City Engineer Motlagh responded that it had not, but the architect had been asked to check on the company, which he did, reporting that their work was satisfactory.

Mayor Busch asked if the City had ever used the services of Environmental Construction, Inc. Mr. Motlagh said it had not, but the architect had checked on the company and reported that their work was satisfactory.

Mayor Busch mentioned that this property had been in foreclosure, and the City had been able to purchase it for about $90,000 four years earlier. He said this was going to be a marvelous park and a great addition to Bob Long Park and to the City.

Mayor Busch mentioned that this property had been acquired by the City for just $90,000. He said this was going to be a marvelous park and a great addition to Bob Long Park and to the City.

Mr. Madkin said that one of the things Staff was working on with developers was trying to locate parks close to school sites so that the school ball fields could be incorporated into the overall available park acreage.

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Mayor Busch called for a motion.

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M/S/C: (Motte/Landers) to award a contract to Environmental Construction, Inc., for a total bid of $3,261,347.86 for the Redlands Park Project, and that the City Council appropriate $1,489,000 from the Park DIF Fees to the Redlands Park Project.

Motion to award a contract to Environmental Construction, Inc., for a total bid of $3,261,347.86 for the Redlands Park Project, and that the City Council appropriate $1,489,000 from the Park DIF Fees to the Redlands Park Project.

AYES: Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers, Busch
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Approved: 5-0

10. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

A. Luz Ayala said she was there as a representative of the Spanish-speaking community and expressed appreciation for being able to work with the Police Department, the schools and the City to help better the community. She said she had seen a lot of improvements within the Community during the past few years and she hoped there would continue to be more support and opportunities for jobs and small businesses. She said it was very important to work together to find solutions to problems in Perris.

Luz Ayala on behalf of the Spanish-speaking community and expressed appreciation for being able to work with the Police Department, the schools and the City to help better the community. She said it was very important to work together to find solutions to problems.

B. Maria Gonzales reported on what had happened on "D" Street, with a lot of people breaking into cars and businesses. She asked for more funding for police protection on "D" Street.

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C. The owner of Casa Jimenez expressed concern about the sewer problems in the Wilkerson Shopping Center.

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D. The owner of Deporte Mexico had concerns about the street lights behind her business not working, adding to the theft problem in the Downtown area.

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E. Another "D" Street business owner asked to have the "D" Street issues agendized so they can have some indication of when something will be done about that area.

A "D" Street business owner asked to have the "D" Street issues agendized.

F. Jose Mesa explained that the Police Chief had fixed a lot of problems for them, and he had told them that drivers would not be stopped just to see if they had a valid license. He appreciated the help. He also asked for the Council to agendize "D" Street.

Jose Mesa said the Police Chief had fixed a lot of problems for them. He also asked to have "D" Street agendized.

G. Elizabeth Davenport expressed concerns about parking tickets. Mayor Busch asked Mr. Ansari to speak with Ms. Davenport following the meeting and see what could be done to help her.

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H. Dave Stuart, Operations Manager for the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on community events.

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11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mayor Pro Tem Yarbrough asked City Manager Apodaca if he could take care of the request from Ms. Ayala to have issues agendized. Regarding the statements regarding the school board, he said if there's a problem there, the answer is to change the board and get people who are proactive in those positions. He also asked if the Justice Assistance Grant would be agendized for the next meeting. The answer was that it would be. He said he would also like to get an update on progress on the Mid-County Parkway and have a discussion regarding future plans for the 7-acre facility where the Police Department was presently located.

Mayor Pro Tem asked City Manager Apodaca to handle Ms. Ayala's request to have issues agendized. He was not sure if it would be best to have an agenda item or have a town hall to discuss the issues. He also asked to have other items agendized.

B. Mayor Busch reported that he had attended the League of California Cities meeting in the City of La Quinta, along with Mayor Pro Tem Yarbrough and City Clerk Rey. He said it had been a very informative meeting. He also reported on the Groundbreaking for the new Sheriff's Station.

Mayor Busch reported on the League of California Cities meeting in the City of La Quinta and the Ground-breaking for the new Sheriff's Station.

C. Councilmember Landers told Ms. Ayala that he stood ready at any time to sit down with or have a town hall meeting with the

Councilmember Landers told Ms. Ayala he would be happy to meet with the Hispanic

Hispanic community to try to make a difference in their lives.

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12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. City Manager Apodaca reported that the YMCA After School Program in Enchanted Heights had started. He also mentioned that CR&R had notified the City that they now had a second street sweeper to operate within the City of Perris. In addition, he noted that the Ramona Express median curbs had been completed and they were now working on the asphalt pavement, which was scheduled to be completed by early summer. Mr. Apodaca also announced that the Community Council Chambers was on schedule to have the shell completed by April or May, and there was to be a special meeting on March 28th to appoint the Planning Commissioners.

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13. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

No Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

By unanimous consent, the Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, PPFA and PPUA Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

7:55 p.m. Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, PPFA and PPUA Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Rey, City Clerk