

**CITY OF PACIFIC  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date: April 16, 2012  
Council Chambers  
City Hall, 6:30PM**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Cy Sun called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:42pm.

**2. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Tren Walker  
Leanne Guier  
Josh Putnam  
James McMahan  
John Jones  
Gary Hulseley  
Clint Steiger

Staff present: Jane Montgomery, Lt. Massey, Betty Garrison, and Ken Luce.

Mayor Sun turned the meeting over to Councilmember Leanne Guier because the focus of the meeting was the Public Works/Clerical Contract.

Councilmember Jones asked to move the Executive session before agenda item #C.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the changes to the agenda; Councilmember Jones second; All the votes were ayes.

**3. AGENDA**

**A. Public Works/Clerical Contract**

Councilmember Guier addressed the Council. She stated that the team met on a regular basis and Council was consulted at each step. Last Wednesday the Public Works /Clerical employees voted on the contract and they approved it.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve the Public Works/Clerical contract; Councilmember McMahan second;

**Council Comment:**

Council discussed the specifics of the contract and the changes. The document provided to the Council is a draft and will need to be finalized by staff. The Mayor expressed concerns about the \$750 signing bonus and the 2% raise. He stated that the City was broke. Councilmember Jones stated that the City was not broke. The Mayor said that there was no money in sewer fund, water fund, storm fund, and that all the money is spent on payroll. Councilmember Jones asked the Mayor if he had brought anything to the Council to prove this and the Mayor stated that he had asked for figures from the former Finance Director but had not gotten them. The Mayor said that now that he is on top of the Valentine project he is ready to get into the finance section. The Mayor said that the accounts are not numbered. He said that the Treasurer stated that the bars numbers are not accounted for. The Mayor stated that Council could ask the Treasurer, that if money was not taken from the water, sewer and storm funds that the City would be broke and could not pay salaries. The Mayor wants to hold off on the contract so he can look into the finances of the City.

He wants the new Treasurer to investigate the whole system. The Mayor said he knew the finances were a big mess, but he did not know what was going on and he said he was never provided information. The Mayor said he does not feel there is money to pass this contract. Councilmember McMahan told the Mayor that the Mayor had been in the executive sessions for the past three months when the Finance Director brought all the information to the Council. Councilmember McMahan stated that Council was comfortable with the numbers that were brought by the Former Finance Director during the executive sessions. They negotiated the contract in good faith based on the numbers provided to them. Councilmember McMahan asked the Mayor why he had not spoken up at all those meetings about his concerns. The Mayor said that the Council would not have believed him but they would have believed the Finance Director. The Mayor wants Council to hold off so he can check the figures. Councilmember Walker questioned why the Mayor would wait 3.5 months to say something. The Council felt that the funds were sufficient to meet the demands of the proposed contract. Councilmember Walker stated that the signing bonus comes out of carryover funds so they know money is there and is not a burden for long term. He also stated that there are salary savings from not having a Public Works Director, City Engineer, Finance Director, or Community Services Director. The Mayor stated that he has not hired an Engineer because he will get consultants when he needs them. The Mayor stated there was no money in the water fund and he asked the Treasurer how much money was in the fund. The Treasurer said that there was two million dollars in the fund. The Mayor expressed surprise at this and stated that if that was true; tomorrow he would tear out all the lines on Milwaukee and put in new lines. Councilmember Putnam said that those funds have to come from the Capital Facilities Fund. Councilmember Hulse stated that the Council should move forward or they could be guilty of regressive bargaining. Councilmember Guier stated that if you look at all the ranges for current employees; they are underpaid compared to cities around us.

The Mayor said he knew that the first day he walked in.

#### Public Comment:

Jeanne Fancher

Ms. Fancher stated that as a union carpenter, she knows that contracts must be negotiated fairly and in good faith. She said it is important for employees to have trust. She said that if the Council did not vote on this contract that employees will feel they are treated unfairly. Ms. Fancher said that \$750 is a minor good will gesture, as employees are underpaid and overworked. She felt it was disrespectful to say they are not worth money as consultants get paid 4 to 5 times the amounts that employees are paid.

Anita Scroggins- 7:23pm

Ms. Scroggins stated that just because employees are Union does not mean they should get more. She stated that if you take a look at the VRFA that her taxes went from 0 to \$3000 per year.

The votes were as follows: All the votes were ayes

	Aye	Nay
Councilmember Walker	X	
Councilmember Guier	X	
Councilmember McMahan	X	
Councilmember Putnam	X	
Councilmember Jones	X	
Councilmember Hulse	X	
Councilmember Steiger	X	

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0.**

B. Contract for Financial Services- Toni Nelson  
7:25pm

Betty Garrison spoke to the City Council. She said the Finance office will be short staffed for April and May. The Utility clerk will be on jury duty for 2.5 weeks. The lead finance person is out for 3 to 4 weeks. She said she is new to the City and is learning the job. The Annual report is due May 30<sup>th</sup> and Toni Nelson did it last year. She recommends that the City hire Toni Nelson to do the report this year as well. The Estimated cost will be between \$1500- \$1750.

Councilmember Putnam moved to approve hiring Toni Nelson; Councilmember Jones second;

John Jones made a motion to amended to say cost be capped at \$1750; Councilmember Hulse second; All the votes were ayes.

Councilmember Steiger called the question; councilmember Jones second;

Comment audience- None

The votes were as follows:

	Aye	Nay
Councilmember Walker	X	
Councilmember Guier	X	
Councilmember McMahan		X
Councilmember Putnam	X	
Councilmember Jones	X	
Councilmember Hulse	X	
Councilmember Steiger	X	

**THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1**

The Council excused to Executive session- For one hour 7:31pm

The Council was back in session and called back to order at 8:41pm.

C. Contract for Services – Maria Pierce

Councilmember Jones stated that in Executive session they discussed this agenda item. They spoke to Betty Garrison and Eileen Baratucci and they City will not need the services of the former Finance Director. All the votes were ayes to remove from the agenda.

D. Resolution No.12-1170- Approval of Negotiating team for Uniformed Contract.  
Councilmember Jones moved to approve negotiating team; second by Councilmember Hulsey.

The Council amended the Resolution to say in the third whereas that the City had previously appointed Councilmember Jones and Hulsey as negotiators. They also added a fourth whereas to say that Councilmember Hulsey due to a medical condition had to resign and was replaced by Councilmember Steiger.

Councilmember McMahan made a motion to amend the motion to those items above and Councilmember Walker second; All were in favor of the amendments to the Resolution.

No audience comment

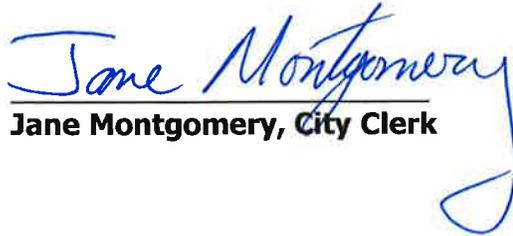
The votes were as follows: All the votes were ayes

	Aye	Nay
Councilmember Walker	X	
Councilmember Guier	X	
Councilmember McMahan	X	
Councilmember Putnam	X	
Councilmember Jones	X	
Councilmember Hulsey	X	
Councilmember Steiger	X	

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-1**

Councilmember Steiger asked to address the Council. He stated that tonight the Mayor had made statements about the City that were untrue. Councilmember Steiger stated that the Mayor be refrained from making statements unless he had documented truth to back up his statements.

4. **ADJOURN** - The Meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm

  
**Jane Montgomery, City Clerk**