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**COMPTON CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
10/20/2020
5:30 PM**

**Closed Session 4:30 P.M.
Public Meeting 5:30 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
205 SOUTH WILLOWBROOK AVENUE
COMPTON, CALIFORNIA 90220**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

(Persons wishing to address the City Council on the Closed Session items may do so at this time. Comments are limited to one (1) minute per speaker and shall be limited to Closed Session agenda items)

CLOSED SESSION – 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Agency Negotiators: City Manager and Assistant City Managers
Employee Organizations: AFSCME LOCAL 2325, AFSCME LOCAL 3947,
SEIU Local 721, COMPTON FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2216,
MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Bradford v. City of Compton, LASC Case Nos. TC026769 and 18STCV01367
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING – 5:30 P.M.

OPENING

ROLL CALL

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION(S)

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent items are routine and expected to be non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Council at one time without discussion unless a Council Member requests an item be removed or discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. OCTOBER 6, 2020

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

2. ORAL REPORT - 2021 ELECTION FINANCING UPDATE
3. CENSUS UPDATE
4. MYCIVIC APP - PRESENTATION
5. A REQUEST FOR FEE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$3,000 BY COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR STREET VACATION - PORTION OF COCOA STREET BETWEEN ACACIA STREET AND SOUTH OLEANDER AVENUE (ACTION ITEM)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 10/27/2020 @ 5:30 P.M.

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OCTOBER 6, 2020

The Compton City Council Meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Aja Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence ceremonies were also led by Mayor Brown.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present – Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown *(Via Zoom Teleconference)*

Council Members Absent – Galvan *(Joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.)*

Other Officials Present: D. Brown, A. Godwin, D. Sanders, C. Cornwell

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA MATTERS

City Clerk Alita Godwin read the following comments into the record as they were submitted:

Adolpho Varas, Latino Chamber of Commerce - “Good evening Honorable Mayor and City Council members -- My name is Adolfo and I am the Executive Director for the Latino chamber of commerce of Compton as many of you are aware we have been working non-stop on doing food Giveaways for the Compton community. We finished a food GIVEAWAY this past Saturday and would like to thank on behalf of the Latino chamber Board Directors to Council Woman for the 4th District Emma Sharif and Council women for the 3rd District Tana Mccoy for coming out this past Saturday to help out with our food GIVEAWAY.

On a second note the Latino chamber of commerce of Compton will be doing a food GIVEAWAY this Saturday in the 3rd district at sr. cliff Texas style burritos 408 west Alondra Blvd from 8am-10am we will have milk, eggs, meat and more so please make sure you all share to your community that there is a place for you to pick up food this Saturday.

I wish that there was a way for Compton residents can feel more involved for the council meeting like a zoom. We need more action not talking to make sure the Compton community can be involved and feel they have a voice at the council meeting. Today the Latino chamber of commerce of Compton presented an Honorary recognition to Compton City Councilwoman for the 3rd District Tana McCoy and reads the following below.

The Latino chamber of commerce of Compton presents Councilwoman for the 3rd district tana Mccoy with an Honorary recognition Of your outstanding commitment and contributions to the Compton community by providing food to families during the pandemic. Thank you for your outstanding dedication to your community! *Letter Signed by: Maria Villareal C.E.O, Faviola Ochoa president, Elisa Acevedo Vice-president, Mirdya de mora Secretary, Eugene Board member, Yodit Glaze Board member, Veronica Gardea Board member, Dr. Ardy Board member and Adolfo Varas Executive Director”*

Maria Villareal, C.E.O of The Latino Chamber of Commerce of Compton, “Hello Madam City Clerk, I will like to start off by thanking the Mayor for all the work she has accomplished in the city of Compton. As well as the City Manager Cornwell for taking the challenge to continuously move Compton forward. However, with all the accomplishments there are still some issues to overcome in the future.

Last Saturday we had a very successful Food Giveaway. As a business and being community oriented, we reached out to outside cities to bring more resources and blessing to our city of community.

We would like to thank the “helping hands project”, Mr. Cs towing, Southgate P.O.A association, the Compartios, all the volunteers, KLIQ Radio, and of course Councilwoman McCoy and Councilwoman Shariff for their unconditional support. And not to forget Cliffs Texas style burritos. This is a list of food giveaway events:

October 3- Sr. Cliff's Texas Style Burritos
October 10- Sr. Cliff's Texas Style Burritos
October 24- Our Lady of Victory Church

Thank you and continue to be blessed.”

Jeremiah Pratt – District 1 - “Mayor and City Council, When is your City Manager going to do something about his now internet gun wielding employee that works with Council person Chambers? I hope the council feels safe knowing your city manager actively employ's someone who threatens and bullies council members, other elected's and community members. It shows how much your city manager respects you as the people that vote to approve of his performance. Corn Ball cares nothing about your safety!

I'm thrilled you all are entertaining the possibility of having all mail in elections. Does this mean the election duties of the city clerk are taking away since ballots would likely be sent directly to the county for counting?

Recall petitions are circulating in my neighborhood and I urge all to sign. Michelle Chambers doesn't live in the City of Compton and the address she uses to collect her check belongs to a lovely family that is getting tired of community members coming by only to confirm Michelle Chambers doesn't live in Compton and neither does your City Attorney Damon Brown. Damon Brown lives at 728 Val Vista St. in Pomona California. He lied under Oath to collect a check and needs to be reported to the State Bar association and District Attorney. AND SIGN the recall petition on Michelle Chambers!!!”

Kevin Jones – “So the inept City Manager Craig Cornwell has 9 lives. Let's say he is on number 8. Hopefully, the council sees through his willingness to do Myrrh at the numerous, too many to count, requests of Emma Shariff. Also, finally giving some long overdue attention to district 2. Though Sharif may be fooled for the time being there is much more to manage in a city of 98,000 people than which streets to repair first and cleaning up.

I was recently in City Hall to pay for a permit and I was floored when I saw a box of candy being sold over the counter in the incompetent city treasurers office. This is tantamount to criminal. Why would the City Treasurer and the City Manager allow candy to be sold... cash for candy in a department where millions of dollars walked out the door not that long ago. What has changed? Those employees should be carrying clear bags and following protocols where large sums of cash are kept.

Look around city hall and there is what could be considered criminal negligence all over the place. Fire Craig Cornwell and end the era of narcissistic incompetence.”

Stacy Weems – “To The Mayor and City Council, I am a citizen of Compton and an ex-employee. I was contacted by the union regarding references made to my employment in a letter or document persecuting another employee. The letter was signed by Craig Cornwell, the information that referenced my employment (SW) situation was deceitful and false. I do not appreciate Craig Cornwell falsifying information about me to hurt another employee.

In my younger days, I made some mistakes that led to me being incarcerated, upon my release I was accepted in the City of Compton's Project Redirection Program after that program ended, I applied for several jobs with the City and I passed the exams and was on several eligible lists. In 2008 I successfully passed the Custodian exam and was interviewed and selected by the General Services Director. On my application for employment, I included my criminal background history. The General Services Director was also the Project Manager I worked under when I was in Project Redirection. The Manager was familiar with my work ethic and selected me for hire, however after many weeks, the Manager called me and said “what is in your background”, HR is not clearing you to start work, I told him the same thing that was already there, nothing new, he did not believe that she have kept me from being a custodian

On November 4, 2008, I put on a suit and came to the City Council Meeting, I spoke and explained that I had a criminal background and HR will not hire me and I wanted to know why, Mayor Perrodin said that Personnel matters cannot be discussed on the floor and advised me to call the City Manager's office. The next day I contacted the City Manager to explain, my background and ask why I was not being hired. The following day, I was contacted by HR to start processing my paperwork.

Earlier this year, I was contacted and interrogated by an investigator about my hiring in 2008, the investigator alluded to the fact that someone in HR must have allowed me to be hired in spite of my criminal history, I was offended and I explained to him exactly what I am telling you today. Why is the City of Compton, Craig Cornwell continuing to bring up my past and use it against me and others? I served my time, I have a Bachelor's Degree and I am working on completing my Masters, I grew up in Compton and made some mistakes like a lot of people in Compton. I read a document where Craig Cornwell has falsely accused an employee of hiring me and not properly checking my background, he also said that just because the City Manager signed my paperwork that does not mean that the City Manager was aware of my background. Why is he trying to write up an employee for something that did not happen 12 years ago?? He don't have anything better to do. Craig Cornwell is dishonest and for whatever reason will not stop bringing up my background and now he has signed a document with false information. Not only was the City Manager aware of my background in 2008 but so was Craig Conwell, he was at the meeting looking right at me when I explained why I was there.

It is a violation of Civil Rights for Cornwell to continue to bring up my background and use it against others falsely. I am asking that any reference to me in this document be removed as the information is false. In addition, Mayor Brown acts like she is for Black Lives Matter and people of color, she is the Mayor of a City with black and brown people who may have committed crimes, it is a violation of our Civil Rights to be discriminated against especially after you served your time, and the issue was over 13 years ago, and the crime had nothing to do with my job.

At this point it is not just harassment of the employee, I feel harassed. I think there is a policy against what Craig Conwell is doing, I complained about this at the Personnel Board back in February 2020, and now I am complaining to the City Council, the City Manager in 2008, Charles Evans was aware of my background and approve me to be hired, why is Craig Cornwell continuing to bring up my past and allowed to lie about it and use it against someone else.

The City Council needs to supervise their employee, and make sure that he stops this conduct and remove any reference to me or my past from this document. The City is a mess and needs to be cleaned up, he is wasting taxpayers' dollars, possibly getting us sued because he has a problem with people that are not perfect, I also read where he said Criminals are working for the City, there are a whole lot of employees who have turned their lives around, he should be ashamed of himself. Thank you"

Joyce Kelly – "I am Joyce Kelly, I was sorry to hear about the death of former Councilman and my long-time church member, Dr. Willie O. Jones!

Emma Sharif, since Dr. Jones lived in your district; you attend his church; and he preceded you in that position it is your duty to contact his son for directives. Remember he lost his mother a few days prior to losing his father!

You need to know if he wants his father to lie in state in the council chambers!

A guard can be on duty making sure coronavirus protocol is met!

The council chamber is large enough for that!

Don't you dare sit there and ask Aja Brown if you can do it!!!

That chamber belongs to the people of Compton who lived here and built it!

It's about time for you to stand on your own 2 feet and represent the people!

Don't forget to adjourn the meeting in his name!"

David Richardson – "When Yvonne Arceneaux was on the Council she brought forth an ordinance prohibiting the advertising of alcohol products on billboards in the city. If you go westbound on the 91 you will see several billboards advertising alcohol products. I want to suggest the city attorney have these ads removed.

Donald Trump would have you to believe that COVID-19 is no big deal. More than 211,000 Americans have now died from COVID-19, so it is a big deal. This pandemic is not over and

everyone must adhere to the recommended safety guidelines like wearing face masks and social distancing.”

Robert Ray – “With regard to the redevelopment of the transit center area, these plans are a waste of time and money. What needs to be done is to use the transit center for what it was intended to be. Bring back Greyhound and Cruzero, and use the building for ticket agents, baggage handling, and waiting rooms. This is what the original transit center was, and what this transit center was supposed to be when it was built.

Item #7 - I am in support of an all vote by mail election. I have been voting by mail for years. It is safe, cost effective, and I believe that more voters would vote if they got their ballots in the mail. i encourage the council to approve this change.

COVID-19 is still considered a pandemic, and large gatherings of people is still prohibited by the L A County health dept. Last week there was a party of approximately 500 people in a Compton parking lot, and no one was seen wearing a face mask. Many churches are still holding indoor services filled with parishioners. These events need to stop and someone needs to be enforcing the rules. This past weekend has proved that no one is immune from COVID-19. If the President, first lady, and many members of Congress can get it, so can you. Everyone needs to take this pandemic seriously.”

5:45 P.M. WORKSHOP - COMPTON STATION TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT SPECIFIC PLAN

Robert Delgadillo, Senior Planner, introduced Mr. Anton Anderson and Phil Burns of The Arroyo Group, consultants for the project. The team highlighted that the Arroyo Group is leading a multi-disciplinary team which will prepare a Transit Oriented Development Specific plan for the City of Compton for the area surrounding the Metro A Line (formerly Blue Line) Compton Station.

In conjunction with City Staff, The Arroyo Group Team explored opportunities to add higher density and low-income housing, cultural and entertainment destinations, and open space using first-last mile concepts to increase accessibility to the Compton Station and activating the station area as well as Compton Boulevard, Rosecrans Avenue, Alameda Street and Willowbrook Avenue. The purpose of the plan is to build a better downtown experience, promote new development and rehabilitation, increase transit ridership, strengthen local identity and a unique sense of place, create employment, career and advancement opportunities and create a pedestrian and bike-friendly environment.

The Arroyo Group presented three alternatives: (A)-Cultural Alternative, (B)-Greening Alternative; and the (C)-Commercial Alternative for land and further development of the location for the Council’s consideration. Mr. Anderson further noted that after Arroyo Group has received numerous responses from community stakeholders who expressed the need to extol Compton family values and ideals.

The Arroyo Group proposed to create a new Compton Station Specific Plan including widened sidewalks, protected bicycle lanes, roadway narrowing and proving Compton art, businesses, while embracing the historical community. The community priorities are:

- Maintenance and Security
- Housing
- Retail Amenities and Entertainment
- Community Gardens and Urban Greening
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility
- Arts and Culture
- Quality Job Creation

The City Council thanked Staff and the Arroyo Group for the informative presentation. Mayor Brown expressed her enthusiasm at the aspect of re-imaging a downtown Compton Boulevard and returning it to its former glory and beyond.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 (*Approved*)

CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/CITY CONTROLLER/CITY TREASURER REPORTS

2. INVESTEMENT REPORT - AUGUST 31, 2020 (*Received and filed*)

CITY MANAGER

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF CITY'S MEMBERSHIP DUES TO CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (\$30,000) (*Approved Resolution Number 35,356*)

On motion by Sharif, seconded by McCoy, the consent agenda was approved by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown

NOES: Council Members - None

ABSENT: Council Members - None

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

4. ORAL REPORT - CENSUS UPDATE

Dr. Aubrey Relf presented the 2020 Census update stating that the self-response deadline has been extended to October 30, 2020. To date, Compton's response rate is 64.2 percent. Dr. Relf highlighted the response rate by district, and further noted that Staff has hosted several bilingual events to bring awareness of the importance of participating in the 2020 Census with giveaways and other special events.

Dr. Relf indicated that the City is aggressively working to provide residents with technical assistance, along with computers for the residents to use in completing their Census forms. All Compton Water users have received Census inserts in their water bills, radio advertisements have been placed on local radio stations and Census booths have been placed at various grocery stores. The City will continue to work with local churches and organizations announcing the importance of 100% participation in the 2020 Census.

NEW BUSINESS

5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A SENATE BILL 2 GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO FUND THE PREPARATION OF AN UPDATED GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (\$310,000)

On motion by Sharif, seconded by McCoy, **Resolution Number 25,357** entitled 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A SENATE BILL 2 GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO FUND THE PREPARATION OF AN UPDATED GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (\$310,000)’ was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None

6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING THE PUBLIC WORKS 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$65,906.77 IN FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NATIONAL TRANSIT DATA FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SUCCESSFULLY REPORTING TO THE NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, **Resolution Number 25,358** entitled ‘**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING THE PUBLIC WORKS 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$65,906.77 IN FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NATIONAL TRANSIT DATA FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SUCCESSFULLY REPORTING TO THE NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**’ was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None

7. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING SECTION VI OF THE COMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 6-23 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONDUCT ALL-MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS

On motion by Sharif, seconded by Chambers, the reading of the ordinance in full was waived by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None

It was moved by Sharif, seconded by Chambers, that the resolution be adopted.

City Manager Cornwell explained that this item is needed to authorize the City to conduct City Elections by all-mail ballots, which is required by the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, prior to providing a quote for the cost of election services.

Councilman Galvan raised concerns regarding language used in the ordinance regarding an all-mail election, and further expressed his skepticism that the ordinance is necessary, prior to the County providing the City with a quote for services.

Councilmember Sharif commented that she had received communication from residents stating that they received Vote-By-Mail ballots for individuals that do not reside at that address.

City Clerk Alita Godwin informed the Council and community that they must notify the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters when they receive Vote-By-Mail ballots for individuals that are not at that address. In addition, residents must also notify the Registrar when a family member or loved one becomes deceased, thereby, the County will then remove the individuals from the Roster of Voters.

Mayor Brown commented that the City Clerk addressed the issue of the exorbitant costs associated with Compton’s ‘stand-alone’ elections, adding that Ms. Godwin offered a

comprehensive power point presentation of the cost savings that of an all-mail election would provide. Mayor Brown further noted that it is disheartening and very unfortunate that the City must now consider additional budgetary cuts in an attempt to cover the budgetary shortfalls associated with financing next year's election(s).

On motion by Sharif, seconded by Chambers, **Ordinance Number 2,325** entitled '**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AMENDING SECTION VI OF THE COMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 6-23 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONDUCT ALL-MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS**' was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Chambers offered the following communications/announcements:

- Announced that Compton Youth Build is now an official Voting Center for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election and early voting begins October 30th.
- Announced that she will be hosting a Food Box Giveaway in conjunction with Omega Psi Phi on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Gonzales Park, 1101 W. Cressey Street, Compton.
- Encouraged each household to return their 2020 Census questionnaire to assist the City in receiving critical funding for the next ten years.

Councilmember Galvan offered the following communications/announcements:

- Requested an update on the request for new trash cans at the City's parks and also an update on the closure of all the illegal marijuana shops.

City Manager Cornwell informed Councilman Galvan that the City has plans to replace all the City's park trash receptacles in the near future. Mr. Cornwell further informed the Councilman that the City is currently in legal proceedings with the property owners of certain illegal marijuana shops and will update the Council on the strategies for permanently closing the shops.

(Councilman Galvan exited the meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

Councilperson McCoy offered the following communications/announcements:

- Announced that October 19, 2020 is the last day to register to VOTE for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election.
- Encouraged everyone to ***Make Compton Count*** by responding to the 2020 Census before the October 30, 2020 deadline.
- Announced that the Pastors of Compton are hosting a ***Day of Prayer*** for the City of Compton, joining at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument.
- Thanked the Latino Chamber of Commerce for bestowing her with a very special award.

Councilmember Sharif offered the following communications/announcements:

- Reminded the residents of the importance of responding to the 2020 Census.
- Encouraged the residents to be tested for COVID-19 at Gonzales Park, 1101 S. Cressey, Compton.

- Announced that she will be hosting a *Virtual* District 4 Town Hall meeting on October 21, 2020 and invited residents to submit their questions and concerns prior to the meeting – special guest will be L. A. County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commissioner Prescilla Owen.
- Requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of **Dr. Willie O. Jones** and his wife, **Velta Jones**.

Mayor Brown offered the following communications/announcements:

- Mayor Brown announced that there are 4,122 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the City to date with 69 fatalities attributed to the virus. Mayor Brown further indicated that it is critical that everyone continue to wear nose and mouth coverings, practice social distancing, and perform frequent handwashing to combat the spread of the coronavirus. Mayor Brown encouraged the residents to visit: [Comptoncity.org](https://comptoncity.org) to access the Resource Guide to receive vital information regarding food distribution centers and other programs.
- Mayor Brown encouraged Compton residents to get tested for the coronavirus at Gonzales Park, 1101 W. Cressey Street, Compton. The hours of operation are Sunday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., and the location is open to all Los Angeles County residents. Walk-ins are accepted or appointments can be scheduled by visiting: LHI.CARE/COVIDTESTING, or by calling: (888) 634-1123.
- Mayor Brown emphatically urged all residents to respond to the 2020 Census, to ensure that Compton receives its fair share of critical funding. Please visit: 2020census.gov for additional information.
- Mayor Brown announced that October 19, 2020 is the final day to register and further encouraged everyone to exercise their right and responsibility and **VOTE** on November 3, 2020!

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Chambers, the meeting was adjourned in memory of **Dr. Willie O. Jones** and his wife, **Velta Jones**, **Teresa Fontenot** and **Tyree Hill** at 7:54 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Chambers, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - Galvan

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

October 20, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: **A REQUEST FOR FEE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$3,000 BY COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR STREET VACATION – PORTION OF COCOA STREET BETWEEN ACACIA STREET AND SOUTH OLEANDER AVENUE**

SUMMARY

The Compton Unified School District (CUSD) submitted a request for reimbursement of \$3,000 fee for a Public Street Vacation application as part of the Compton High School Reconstruction project.

BACKGROUND

In February 2019, the CUSD submitted a request to our prior Administration, requesting a waiver of development/entitlement application fees for the Compton High School Reconstruction project. CUSD informed us that City Management granted a waiver administratively. CUSD indicated that this waiver is based on the School District's status as a public entity and cites, California Government Code Section 6103 as authority. Staff does not agree on the applicability of Government Code Section 6103 to this situation.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

In September 2020, representatives from CUSD contacted the City Manager's Office requesting a waiver of the street vacation application fee. Staff informed CUSD representatives that the City Manager does not have the authority to waive the development fees administratively. As such, staff recommended that CUSD submit a written request for waiver of the application fees and the City Manager would present their request to the City Council for consideration.

Staff is requesting that City Council consider CUSD's request for reimbursement for its street vacation application fee.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City's General Fund would reimburse \$3,000 to the Compton Unified School District.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is seeking City Council's direction.

Respectfully Submitted:

**CRAIG J. CORNWELL
CITY MANGER**

Attachment: Letter from CUSD – Dated September 22, 2020



Compton Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent
501 S. Santa Fe Ave.
Compton, CA 90221
D: (310) 604-6508
F: (310) 632-3014

September 22, 2020

VIA EMAIL

City of Compton
Attn: Mayor Aja Brown
205 S. Willowbrook Ave.
Compton, CA 90220

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Re: Public Right of Way Street Vacation for a Portion of Cocoa Street –
Application Fee Reimbursement Request

Dear Ms. Aja Brown:

The purpose of this letter is to request reimbursement of a \$3,000 application fee the Compton Unified School District (“District”) was required to pay to the City of Compton (“City”) to submit a street vacation application for the Compton High School Reconstruction project (“Project”).

For background, the Project provides for the construction of new, modern buildings, facilities, and athletic fields. Through the enhancement of facilities, the District seeks to improve the educational, recreational and social experiences of the Compton High School students and the Compton community for generations to come.

To facilitate the expansion of the campus to Alondra Boulevard, the District requested street vacation of a portion of S. Oleander between Alondra Boulevard and Cocoa Street (“Phase 1”) and now seeks to vacate a portion of Cocoa Street between Acacia and S. Oleander Ave. (“Phase 2”) (See attached aerial). The reason the Phase 1 and 2 applications were submitted separately is because at the time of the Phase 1 application, the District did not yet own the properties on either side of Cocoa Street, which is required for an applicant’s request to be considered.

When the application for Phase 1 was submitted in or around February 2019, the District requested and received a waiver of all fees. The waiver was granted based on the District’s status as a public agency, typically exempting it from filing fees and taxes (See also Government Code section 6103). The City’s graciousness in granting the fee waiver was followed by an approval of the Phase 1 application, which the District is very thankful for and exemplifies the support the City has shown for the Project.

Given the relatedness of both applications, both to the Project and geographically, the District understood and anticipated that the fee waiver for Phase 1 would be applicable to the second application for Phase 2. However, prior to submitting the Phase 2 application, the Assistant City Manager and City Manager stated they could not abide by prior approvals and did not see a basis for granting the waiver for Phase 2. Thus, the District reluctantly paid the \$3,000 application fee.

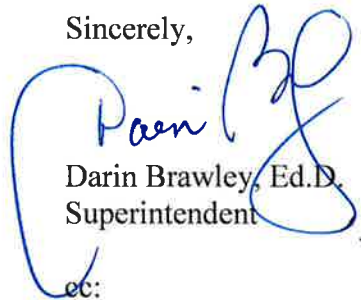
The District hereby submits this request for a reimbursement of the \$3,000 application fee. The District and City's cooperative working relationship is beneficial to not only the District's students, but the Compton community at-large. The District hopes that its request will be strongly considered.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact our Chief Business Officer, Alejandro Alvarez, at (310) 639-4321, ext. 55086.

Please let us know if there are any questions we can answer to assist with this matter.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Darin Brawley, Ed.D.
Superintendent

cc:

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