

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 8, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Highland was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Lilburn at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chavez, Lilburn, McCallon, Solano, Timmer
Absent: None

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Protest Hearing for Placement of Special Assessments/Liens for Delinquent Refuse Accounts

Mayor Lilburn opened the public hearing.

Public Services Manager Morgan stated you have before you the annual protest hearing for placement of special assessments liens for delinquent refuse accounts. As we do this annually, every year, a notice of public hearing was mailed no later than June 19 by certified mail, return receipt to all the affected property owners. A second courtesy notice was mailed on July 19. There is a typographical error in your staff report that states August 19, it is definitely July 19. That one was a courtesy notice because we sent out the first notice so far in advance of this August 8 hearing date, so we sent out another notice by regular mail to the affected property owners. Then a notice of public hearing was published in the newspaper on June 18. We did receive one email in protest of the hearing. I believe you all have received a copy of it. I wanted to address the issues that were raised by Mr. Kareem Gongora. His property is not on the list, he was representing some friends of his with his email, so I did talk to him prior to this hearing. I addressed all of his concerns and at the end he stated he was satisfied with my responses and that he wouldn't be following this issue any further, but I'd like to go over them. The first one he speaks about a bulky item and some fines or something like that. He could not provide me with an address of the property so I could not look into the matter further but I did explain to him our bulky item pickup program. So what is allowed in the City of Highland is every property owner is allowed two bulky item pickups a year with up to six items each for free. It's an on-call, on-demand system so you have to call in and schedule a pickup. That on-call, on-demand system has to be scheduled through

the property owner. I believe his friends are tenants and so they weren't aware of that so I'm not sure of the situation. I told him if he wanted to give me the address I could look into further. His second complaint is that as tenants they don't receive a bill and that is absolutely correct. We do not bill tenants in the City of Highland because of the lien process. We only bill property owners and if anybody inquires we tell them it's between you and your tenant on how you make arrangements for the bill which the property owner is responsible. He was complaining about the administrative fee and once I broke the fee down to him and explained to him that the fee is comprised of three different components he understood. On the public notice he caught the typo, and so that's when I was made aware of the typo this afternoon. That was the only complaint I received and it is on the record. Then you were provided also with a revised list, this is a list of the current as of yesterday. Payments were still coming in today and we will revise the list tomorrow morning confirming the payments that were made today. So we are down to 337 parcels.

Mr. Mike Arreguin, Burrtec Waste Industries, stated we have no particular comments but I'd be happy to address any questions that the Council may have. We have great communication and relationship with staff so they pretty much tell us what needs to be done and we try to be on top of it. At any point and time don't hesitate to contact us.

Mayor Lilburn called for any speakers in favor or in opposition of this item. Seeing none, the public hearing is now closed.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem McCallon, seconded by Mayor Lilburn, to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2017-038, confirming the report of delinquent charges from Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., for solid waste collection and authorizing special assessments and liens against the respective parcels of land and shall be collected for the City of Highland at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county ad valorem property taxes. Motion carried, 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-038

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF DELINQUENT CHARGES FROM BURRTEC WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, WHICH SHALL CONSTITUTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND LIENS AGAINST THE RESPECTIVE PARCELS OF LAND AND SHALL BE COLLECTED FOR THE CITY OF HIGHLAND AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS ORDINARY COUNTY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Lilburn adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Betty Hughes, MMC
City Clerk

Penny Lilburn
Mayor