



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 - 6:30 pm

Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor John Harabedian called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk Sue Spears called the roll.

Present: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachele Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and Gene Goss

Absent: None

Also Present: Gabe Engeland, City Manager
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney
Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works
Vincent Gonzalez, Planning & Community Preservation Director
Miguel Hernandez, Human Resources Manager
Colby Konisek, Finance Director
Jose Reynoso, Utility Services Director
Rebecca Silva-Barrón, Community Services Manager
Sue Spears, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION:

Council Member Delmar led the Pledge of Allegiance, reminded people of the importance of being an organ donor, and asked for a moment of silence in memory of someone who donated their organs to save another.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

Mayor Harabedian asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Arizmendi seconded the motion to approve.

Ayes: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachele Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and Gene Goss

Noes: None

Absent: none

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was passed by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Harabedian asked for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 11, 2019.

Council Member Arizmendi moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 11, 2019 as presented.

Council Member Delmar seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi and Denise Delmar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Gene Goss

The motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 11, 2019 as presented was passed by a vote of four (4) yes votes and one (1) abstain.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- A. Mayor John Harabedian encouraged people to participate in the Sierra Madre July 3rd festival, which will include *dunk tank* participants Mayor Harabedian, Council Member Arizmendi, and City Manager Engeland.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia reported that he (1) attended an excellent presentation by author Jeff Lapidés at the SM Library titled “The Mojave Road in 1863” and (2) testified in Sacramento before the CA Senate Environmental Quality Committee (on behalf of the San Gabriel Valley COG) about AB1093, the vote was 6 yes to 1 no, it passed the CA House unanimously, but still needs to be voted upon by the full CA Senate.
- C. Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi did not make a report.
- D. Council Member Denise Delmar apologized that she is unable to attend the Sierra Madre 4h of July Parade this year, as she is the “executive on call” for the trauma center on July 4th and July 5th.
- E. Council Member Gene Goss reported that (1) the *Village Vine* folks will be doing a live Sierra Madre 4th of Parade webcast, beginning at 10:00 am at the start of the parade, (2) a tape will be available on YouTube immediately after the parade, and (3) the tape will be posted on the *Village Vine* website, villagevine@weebly.com, which also has footage and interviews from the 2019 Mt. Wilson Trail Race last month.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Harabedian opened the meeting for Public Comment on items not on the agenda.

- Bob Spears, Sierra Madre, spoke about the June 28th anniversary of the 1991 Sierra Madre Earthquake as follows: (1) it occurred at 7:43 am, with a Richter scale magnitude of 5.6 and a

maximum Mercalli intensity of VII (very strong), (2) the damage total in Sierra Madre was \$12.5M, with 18 personal injuries, 403 damaged structures, including four apartment buildings and nine homes that were immediately tagged as uninhabitable, two businesses tagged as uninhabitable, 22 homes condemned, (3) associated damage in Sierra Madre included 36 toppled chimneys, two damaged church bell towers, 17 natural gas leaks, six major water leaks, and four hazardous materials spills, (4) there were two 4.0 aftershocks on June 28 and July 6 that triggered additional damage and requests for City resources, and (5) at that time the SM Fire Department had 40 members, who were kept very busy responding to calls for assistance, and a few members of the SM Police Department and Public Works Department lived in town, all resulting in additional City resources immediately available to respond to the emergency. He cautioned that the City has changed since 1991 and that the same earthquake today would quickly exhaust the City's current limited resources, as fewer personnel would be available to respond to catastrophic events. Mr. Spears suggested that the Council focus on mitigating the threat of earthquake damage to the residents and encouraging ways to supplement the City's reduced response capability as follows: (1) inspect and secure all unreinforced masonry buildings, (2) eliminate by code unreinforced soft first story buildings, (3) encourage homeowners to bolt their houses to the foundation, (4) promote resident earthquake preparedness at events like the "National Night Out", (5) require that every City employee and every City Department participate in the October "ShakeOut Drill", (6) develop and practice with an Emergency Operations Plan that reflects the City's current capabilities, (7) work with the Sierra Madre CERT volunteers to find ways that they can supplement City Staff in key areas, and (8) make sure that MOU's are in place to provide services that are not covered by City Staff.

- Michael Kuroda, Sierra Madre, asked about the status of agendizing the "Net Zero", as he would like to build on his vacant lot in Sierra Madre.
- Ann Chesterman, Sierra Madre, expressed concerns about the recent water main breaks in the Lower Canyon.
- David Gordon, Sierra Madre Playhouse, (1) promoted the Sierra Madre Playhouse's current musical production, "*Dames at Sea*," (2) announced that, beginning June 26, the SM Playhouse will be showing movies on four consecutive Wednesday nights, and (3) encouraged people to purchase tickets online.
- Julia Fanara, Alverno Heights Academy, requested a second water meter for Alverno Heights Academy, which currently only has one water meter for the entire campus.
- John Hiller, Sierra Madre, requested a City proclamation recognizing the 200th birthday of one of the Bahai Faith founders.

Mayor Harabedian requested that City Manager Engeland respond to the following issues raised during Public Comment:

- The "Net Zero" has not yet been agendized for a future City Council Meeting.
- This has recently been an exceptionally bad 2-3-week period of water main breaks, with 25 leaks this past week alone.
- The City is still on pace to replace the 28% of water mains approved by the City Council last year.

Mayor Harabedian asked if anyone else would like to come forward to speak on items not on the agenda. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Spears gave the following reports under the Consent Calendar:

- a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 19-31 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS - Recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution 19-31 for approval of payment of City warrants in an aggregate amount of \$262,505.63; Sierra Madre Library warrants in an aggregate amount of \$3,719.23; and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$327,899.49 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.
- b) NOTICE OF COMPLETION, FY 18-19 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - Recommendation that the City Council accept the completed work on behalf of the City and direct staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County Clerk/Recorder.
- c) CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT FOR AREA D JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION IN A MAJOR NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTER - Recommendation that the City Council authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Los Angeles County for coordination of disaster management, planning, and preparedness efforts between all Area D cities through cooperative planning, training and related activities under the direction of a Disaster Management Area D Board and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.
- d) CANCELLATION OF BOTH REGULAR AUGUST 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS - It is recommended that the City Council approve the cancellation of both regular City Council meetings in August and direct staff to pay all necessary expenses during that time.

Mayor Harabedian asked if any Member of the Council had questions on Consent Items 1a – 1d.

In response to a question by Mayor Harabedian regarding Item 1b and the Lilliano cul-de-sac, Public Works Director said that the Lilliano street resurfacing will be redone on Friday at no charge to the City, due to problems with the asphalt caused by contractor error.

In response to a question by Mayor Harabedian regarding Item 1d and Area D, City Manager Engeland stated that the City first signed the contract in 1995 and that the City's only financial obligation at this time is the \$900 annual fee.

Mayor Harabedian opened the meeting for Public Comment on the Consent Items. Seeing no one, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion. No additional discussion occurred.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia made a motion to approve Consent Items 1a – 1d as presented.

Council Member Arizmendi seconded the motion to approve.

Ayes: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and Gene Goss

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

The motion to approve Consent Items 1a – 1d as presented was passed by a unanimous vote.

2. DISCUSSION - CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Assistant City Clerk Aguilar reported on this item with the recommendation that the City Council consider the appointment of Robert Parkhurst to serve a four-year term on the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (ENR) Commission, commencing July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Mayor Harabedian asked if any Member of the Council had questions on this item. No questions were asked.

Mayor Harabedian opened this item for Public Comment. Seeing no one, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion.

Council Members expressed consensus that Mr. Parkhurst is extremely well qualified, as noted in his strong resume, for appointment to the ENR Commission and that he will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the ENR Commission.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to appoint appointment of Robert Parkhurst to serve a four-year term on the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Commission, commencing July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Council Member Delmar seconded the motion to appoint.

Ayes: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and Gene Goss
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

The motion to appoint appointment of Robert Parkhurst to serve a four-year term on the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Commission, commencing July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 was passed by a unanimous vote.

3. DISCUSSION - CONSIDERATION OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS AND TRUSTEES FOR A SECOND TERM

Assistant City Clerk Aguilar reported on this item with the recommendation that the City Council City Council reappoint those Commissioners/Board Members seeking a second term. The list of Commissioners who are serving a term that is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2019, are eligible for, and have requested reappointment to their respective commission is as follows:

- Renee Cossutta – Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission
- Tom Denison – Planning Commission
- Patricia Hall – Library Board of Trustees

- John Hutt – Planning Commission
- Sally Olson – Senior Community Commission
- David Ouch – Community Services Commission
- Tom Sullivan – Community Services Commission

Mayor Harabedian asked if any Member of the Council had questions on this item. No questions were asked.

Mayor Harabedian opened this item for Public Comment. Seeing no one, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion.

Council Members expressed consensus to reappoint those seeking a second term.

Council Member Goss made a motion to reappoint those Commissioners/Board Members seeking a second term as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia seconded the motion to reappoint.

Ayes: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and Gene Goss

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion to reappoint those Commissioners/Board Members seeking a second term as presented was passed by a unanimous vote.

4. DISCUSSION - CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1414 AMENDING SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 10 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

Management Analyst Carlson reported on this item with the recommendation that the City Council take the following actions:

- Introduce and give first reading of Ordinance 1414, by title only, waiving further reading to amend Title 10 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. Ordinance 1414 amends Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code by amending Chapter 10.24.310 (Section 2) by omitting the five-hour time limit restriction and prohibiting overnight parking of such vehicles;
- Amend Chapter 10.24.050 clarifying overnight parking prohibition; and
- Amend Chapter 10.24.230 (I) exempting emergency vehicles from overnight parking prohibition, by title only, waiving further reading to amend Section 10 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

Mayor Harabedian asked if any Member of the Council had questions on this item.

In response to a question by Mayor Harabedian regarding *“overnight parking of commercial or recreational vehicles is prohibited except in Subsection 10.24.230(G)”*, Management Analyst Carlson stated that Subsection 10.24.230(G) allows overnight parking on Sierra Madre Blvd. across from the SM Police/Fire Station, with no permit required.

In response to a question by Council Member Goss regarding the exact location, Management Analyst Carlson said that the code actually allows overnight parking for any vehicles (1) on Sierra Madre Blvd. between Baldwin Ave. and Lima Ave. and (2) on Baldwin Ave. from Suffolk Ave. to Montecito Ave. However, added that only Sierra Madre Blvd. has parallel parking appropriate for commercial or recreational vehicles.

Mayor Harabedian opened this item for Public Comment.

- Ron Coleman, Sierra Madre, spoke against prohibiting overnight parking, as, since 2001, he has been issued an overnight parking permit for his RV from the SMPD.
- Karma Bell, Sierra Madre, spoke against prohibiting overnight RV parking.
- Sue Levoe, Sierra Madre, spoke against prohibiting overnight RV parking.
- Elizabeth Walters, Sierra Madre, spoke against prohibiting overnight RV parking, as she has previously been issued an overnight parking permit for her RV and is concerned that there are not enough available spaces on Sierra Madre Blvd.
- Marlene Enmark, Sierra Madre, spoke against prohibiting overnight RV parking.
- Gary Hood, Sierra Madre, spoke about (1) considering a recreational vehicle as a disaster preparedness program that is self-contained and (2) consideration should be given to how much traffic is on a street, the street width, and the proximity to a school.
- Jean Coleman, Sierra Madre, spoke against prohibiting overnight RV parking, as she sometimes has guests with a RV, would like them to be able to park in front of her residence, and has been issued an overnight parking permit by the SMPD for up to three consecutive nights.
- Jesse Ellico, Sierra Madre, spoke against prohibiting overnight RV parking.

Mayor Harabedian asked if anyone else would like to come forward to speak on this item. Seeing no one, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion.

In response to a question by Council Member Delmar regarding whether overnight parking was ever allowed, City Attorney Highsmith clarified that (1) this ordinance has not ever allowed overnight parking of RVs, (2) the problem of very large vehicles (those that exceed 7' in height or 7' in width, such as commercial vehicles and RVs) is that it is a sight obstruction for other vehicles traveling on the road, (3) it is the health and safety reason why cities often have such prohibitions, and (4) removing the five hour parking restriction and replacing it with a "reasonable time" actually expands the time allowed for the parking of RVs on residential streets and clarifying that overnight parking was never allowed by the code.

Mayor Harabedian expressed that (1) there is obvious confusion regarding the overnight parking of RVs and (2) there seems to be a disconnect between the existing City ordinance and how it is being enforced, i.e. the permitting process.

Council Member Delmar explained that this issue came about because of a complaint filed by neighbors living on W. Montecito Ave. and was not filed by her.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia commented that, while the City has been allowing the overnight parking of RVs by issuing permits, it was not ever legal according to the code, and that this created the misunderstanding.

Discussion occurred and opinions expressed included the following: (1) safety is the #1 priority regarding this issue, (2) the need to protect the rights and the public benefit in general to the residents of Sierra Madre, (3) the difficulty in finding a compromise between protecting those rights and benefits versus addressing/accommodating the wishes those who own RVs, (4) one of the challenges is that the City has not been enforcing the code as codified, so that the practice has been assumed by residents, and (5) the desire to table the issue for further review and discussion, which may include the need for Closed Session with the City Attorney.

Mayor Harabedian tabled this item for tonight and said that a Closed Session will be scheduled, with additional discussion at a future City Council Meeting.

5. DISCUSSION - CONSIDERATION OF CITY PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC FACILITY FEE EXPENDITURES

City Manager Engeland began by stating that the Staff recommendation (as noted in the Staff Report dated June 25, 2019, "Projects Eligible for Public Facility Fees Expenditures") for the spending of the water fees as a #1 Priority - *Purchase of an additional 275 acre feet (90 million gallons) of imported water for direct groundwater recharge*, but that Staff is now instead recommending Alternative A – *Water impact fees expended toward the completion of the City's automated water meter infrastructure (AMI) project*.

Utility Services Director Reynoso reported on this item with the recommendation that the City Council authorize spending from the applicable Water and Sewer Public Facilities Fees as follows:

- Water Fund - Completion of the City's automated water meter infrastructure (AMI) project - \$110,000.
- Water Fund - Construct new fencing and gate at City yard along Grandview Ave. - \$50,000.
- Sewer Fund - Construct new fencing and gate at City yard along Grandview Ave. - \$25,000.

City Manager Engeland clarified that (1) the Staff recommendation is to give authorization to expend Water and Sewer Funds tonight and (2) the need to have a separate dialogue about the Parks and Parkland (Quimby) Fees to get Council direction before returning with recommendations for the expenditure of those funds.

Mayor Harabedian asked if any Member of the Council had questions on this item.

In response to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia regarding spending \$110,000 of the Water Fees for completion of the AMI project, Utility Services Director Reynoso said that using the Water Fees for the AMI project would free up \$110,000, which can then be used for additional pipeline replacement or other projects.

In response to a question by Council Member Delmar regarding resident response to the AMIs, Utility Services Director Reynoso stated that the project is at the point where (1) City Staff will receive formal training on the customer portal on July 17th, (2) residents have not had that experience yet, (3) once Staff is trained and feels comfortable using the program, it will be offered to residents, and (4) 98% of residences east of Baldwin Ave. have the smart meters so they will have full access to the program first, which should be sometime in August 2019.

Regarding the Parks and Parkland Fees (Quimby), City Manager Engeland referred Council Members to Page 81 of the Staff Report (Attachment C) for a priority ranking of recommended expenditures for the Community Center, Community Pool, and Sierra Vista Park.

Community Services Manager Silva reported on this item regarding the Parks and Parkland Fees (Quimby), which has a current balance of \$320,103, which includes \$40,000 in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for amenity upgrades at the Community Pool (Attachment B). She referenced Attachment C and Attachment D (Proposed Parking at Sierra Vista Park) and requested that the City Council give Staff direction regarding the use of Quimby Fees, as outlined in the Staff Report.

In response to a question by Mayor Harabedian regarding the Quimby Funds, how they are spent in conjunction with Prop A Funds, and whether there are restrictions on each, Community Services Manager Silva stated that (1) Prop A applies to any prior project that has been funded or charged through Prop A is eligible for maintenance and servicing using Prop A funds, (2) there are areas that would benefit from using Prop A funds immediately because that also extends itself to Measure A funds, (3) Measure A maintenance and servicing funds cannot be taped until Prop A maintenance and servicing funds have been utilized, and (4) Prop A is more restrictive than Quimby.

In response to a question by Mayor Harabedian regarding the priority ranking on Attachment C, City Manager Engeland said that the City Council is not restricted to the suggested items, as there are projects not on the list which could be eligible for funding, thus the Staff request for City Council direction. He added that Staff will research other funding sources as well.

Mayor Harabedian opened this item for Public Comment. Seeing no one, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion.

Discussion occurred and there was consensus that (1) the Sierra Vista Park restrooms need major renovation, with soap dispensers and hand dryers as a minimum, and (2) public health and safety issues need to be prioritized for completion.

City Manager Engeland clarified with the City Council that (1) the purpose tonight is not to expend Quimby Fees, but that the conversation is very helpful to Staff, with health and safety as a priority, a ranking and identifying other sources of funds, and (2) the only expenditures recommended for tonight are for Water and Sewer Funds.

City Attorney Highsmith explained that (1) the criteria for the spending of Quimby Fees is very broad, (2) restroom renovation could qualify, as Quimby applies to anything new or the rehabilitation of an existing facility for park and recreational use, and (3) a restroom is directly and indirectly related to being able to enjoy the recreational park uses.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia made a motion to authorize spending from the Water and Sewer Funding as presented, with the change suggested by Staff to spend \$110,000 on the AMI project, instead of purchasing the additional water.

Council Member Goss seconded the motion to authorize.

Ayes: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and Gene Goss

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion to authorize spending from the Water and Sewer Funding as presented, with the change suggested by Staff to spend \$110,000 on the AMI project, instead of purchasing the additional water was passed by a unanimous vote.

Staff was provided with direction regarding the Quimby Fees and will bring recommendations back to Council for consideration at a future meeting.

6. DISCUSSION - CONSIDERATION OF CITY FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT, ARTS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS; AND CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM THE SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE FOR AN \$8,000 ALLOCATION OF CITY FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE MARQUEE SIGN AND FAÇADE

City Manager Engeland reported on this item with the recommendation that the City Council take the following actions:

- a. Provide direction to staff for the implementation of the framework for funding of non-profits, arts, and community-based programs, as described in this report.
- b. (If a program is established) Assign the Community Services Commission with the responsibility of establishing an application process, reviewing applications, and making funding recommendations to the City Council for approval.
- c. Approve the \$8,000 request from the Sierra Madre Playhouse to repair the marquee sign and facade, including making the necessary finding of public benefit for the award of these funds.

Mayor Harabedian asked if any Member of the Council had questions on this item.

In response to a question by Mayor Harabedian regarding whether City funds have ever been used for the Sierra Madre Playhouse marquee, City Manager Engeland said that a search of records located the applications in the program, but that no actual record of expenditure was found. He added that Staff is confident that the program existed through Community Redevelopment Funds.

Mayor Harabedian opened this item for Public Comment.

- De Alcorn, Sierra Madre, questioned the process of fast-tracking the allocation of \$8,000 to the SM Playhouse and expressed concern regarding setting a precedent.
- David Gordon, Sierra Madre Playhouse, spoke (1) about the role of the Community Services Commission in this process and the need to provide the members with more guidance for the criteria to allocate the funds and (2) in support of the allocation of \$8,000 to the SM Playhouse for the repair of the marquee sign and façade.

- Pat Alcorn, Sierra Madre, spoke in opposition to the allocation of \$8,000 to the SM Playhouse tonight and the need to go through an application process.
- Gary Hood, Sierra Madre, expressed his full support of what De and Pat Alcorn said regarding their opposition to the allocation of \$8,000 to the SM Playhouse without going through an application process.

Mayor Harabedian asked if anyone else would like to come forward to speak on this item. Seeing no one, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion.

Regarding Item 6c - There was consensus and support for allocating \$8,000 to the Sierra Madre Playhouse tonight in that (1) the City has historically viewed the Sierra Madre Playhouse marquee & façade as a priority and worthwhile expense, (2) the project request is unique, the marquee is an iconic sign, and the SM Playhouse is a touchstone of the community and represents Sierra Madre, (3) the project meets the criteria for using public monies for public benefit, as this project provides a direct and identifiable public purpose to the residents and businesses of Sierra Madre, in the form of social, economic, artistic, historic, and educational purposes, and (4) while there is Council support for a process, the SM Playhouse project would be approved following any process being developed.

Council Member Goss made a motion to approve the allocation of \$8,000 to the Sierra Madre Playhouse for the repair of the marquee sign and façade.

Council Member Arizmendi seconded the motion to approve.

Ayes: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and Gene Goss
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

The motion to approve the allocation of \$8,000 to the Sierra Madre Playhouse for the repair of the marquee sign and façade was passed by a unanimous vote.

Regarding 6a & 6b - Discussion continued and there was consensus and support (1) for Staff to implement a formal process and framework for the funding of non-profits, arts, and community-based programs, as described in the Staff Report (Attachment A), "*City of Sierra Madre Policy for Annual Funding of Non-Profits, Arts, and Community-Based Programs*", (2) to assign the Community Services Commission with the responsibility of establishing an application process, reviewing applications, and making funding recommendations to the City Council for final approval, (3) that funding allocations will be considered for approval by the City Council once per year, from a list of recommendations from the Community Services Commission, (4) that the Community Services Commission needs to be provided with a timeline by which to work backwards, considering the application process and once a year recommendations to the City Council by May 2020, and (5) that this program can be re-evaluated at the end of the fiscal year.

City Manager Engeland confirmed that Staff has sufficient direction to move forward on this issue.

NEW ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Mayor Harabedian asked the members of the City Council if there are any new items for future meeting agendas.

Council Member Arizmendi requested that a discussion on balance energy (alternative energy for gas) be agendized for a future meeting.

Mayor Harabedian introduced Eagle Scout candidate, Adam Gallardo, who was in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Harabedian asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by Council Member Delmar.

Ayes: Mayor John Harabedian, Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and Gene Goss

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion to adjourn was passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 8:32 p.m. to a Closed Session (immediately following) and to a Regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers.

John Harabedian, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:

Sue Spears, City Clerk