

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY



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Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem
Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Member
Denise Delmar, Council Member
John Harabedian, Council Member*

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

*Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk
Richard Mays, City Treasurer*

Closed Session 5:30 pm / Open Session 6:30 pm

City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, California 91024

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CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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Council Member Delmar, and Council Member Harabedian

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding Closed Session Items

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION REGARDING:

PERSONNEL

Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54957

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CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54957.6

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Goss,
Council Members Arizmendi, Delmar, and Harabedian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION

Mayor John Capoccia

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney report from the closed session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vote of the Council to proceed with City business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council
meeting on February 9, 2016.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member activities relating to City business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding items not on the Agenda.

PRESENTATION

Update from Public Works Director Inman regarding
water conservation and the City's Water Quality Report

ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSENT

- a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-12
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

Recommendation that the City Council approve
Resolution 16-12 for approval of payment of City
Warrants in aggregate amount of \$216,606.44; Library
warrants in the aggregate amount of \$4,257.38, and
payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$295,963.81
for fiscal year ending June 2016.

- b) AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CENIC
AGREEMENT FOR INCREASED
BROADBAND FOR SIERRA MADRE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Recommendation that the City Council authorize the
City Manager to execute the agreement between the
Sierra Madre Public Library and Califa for the provision
installment and maintenance of Advanced Network
(Data) Services.

- c) CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED
EXCHANGE OF \$196,515 IN
FEDERAL SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-
LOCAL (STP-d) HIGHWAY FUNDS
WITH METRO FOR \$192,584.70 IN
LOCAL HIGHWAY FUNDS

Recommendation that the City Council approve the
exchange of \$196,515 in Federal Surface Transportation
– local funds with Los Angeles METRO for an amount
of \$192,584.70 in local highway funds and direct staff
to send a letter to METRO authorizing the exchange.

- d) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION
16-14 APPROVING THE RENEWAL
OF GENERAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES
COUNTY

Recommendation that the City Council approve
Resolution 16-14 approving the General Services
Agreement between the City of Sierra Madre and
the County of Los Angeles and authorize the
Mayor to execute that agreement

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015
Recommendation that the City Council receive and file.
3. TEMPORARY SUPPLEMENTAL POLICE SERVICES FOR NIGHTTIME PATROL
Recommendation that the City Council approve the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Agreement that provides Los Angeles Sheriff Department to provide temporary nighttime patrol services beginning February 28, 2016 and approve the necessary funding in the amount of \$400,000 from General Fund Reserves.
4. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSOLIDATED ELECTION FOR THE "STOP THE UTILITY USERS TAX" MEASURE
Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction.

ACTION ITEMS

Regardless of staff recommendation on any agenda item, the City Council will consider such matters, including action to approve, conditionally approve, reject, or continue such item.

PUBLIC HEARING

The appellant and/or applicant will each be provided a total of ten (10) minutes to address their item. A portion of their allotted time may be reserved for rebuttal or a summary conclusion at the close of public comment. All other speakers will be limited to a total of three continuous minutes, which cannot be delegated.

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ADJOURNMENT

The City Council will adjourn to a Regular Meeting at this same place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Closed Session: 5:30 p.m.; Open Session: 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor, John Capoccia, opened the Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council, Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor asked for public comment and there was none so the Mayor immediately adjourned to a Closed Session. The City Council returned from Closed Session at 6:36 p.m. and the Mayor opened the Open Session at 6:38 p.m. City Clerk, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, read the Roll noting that all City Council Members were present.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Elaine Aguilar, City Manager
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney
Marcie Medina, Finance Director
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Larry Giannone, Director of Public Safety
Antoinette Buckner, Interim Director of Library
Joe Ortiz, Captain, Sierra Madre Police Department
Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief
Nancy Sue Shollenberger, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Mayor, John Capoccia, led the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with announcing that we lost a long-time resident this past week, Fay Angus, a noted Author, and Community Activist. A woman of strong convictions, Mrs. Angus was recognized around town for her unique accent, the result of her Australian birth, and early childhood in Shanghai, China. She was passionate about preserving the quality of life in Sierra Madre and was absolutely fearless when confronting opposition. Getting on the wrong side of Mrs. Angus could be quite uncomfortable. You wanted her to like you!

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Personnel – Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Title – City Manager

City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith, announced that the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the Annual Performance Evaluation of the City Manager. It has been completed.

Conference with Labor Negotiator – Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54957.6
City Negotiators: City Manager Elaine Aguilar and Assistant City Manager Elisa Cos
Employee Organization: Police Association

City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith, announced that with regard to the Police Association, the City Council will discuss in Closed Session after the Regular Meeting this evening.

Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section G.C. 54956.9d(2)
Number of Potential Cases: 1

The City Attorney reported that the City Council received a briefing, but no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Denise Delmar, for approval of the Agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2016:

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi for approval of the Minutes of February 9, 2016 as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 1) Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem, announced that he attended the Friends Wine Tasting, and complimented all the volunteers – it was a fantastic event. Attended the Little League Opening Day. Pony League Baseball Team – a great team. Charley Hines played the Guitar. Attended Community Services Meeting.
- 2) Council Member, John Harabedian did not have a report.
- 3) Council Member, Denise Delmar, also thanked the Friends of the Library for the Wine Tasting. All volunteers did a tremendous job.
- 4) Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi hopes to hear the results of the Wine Tasting. The Little League Event was great with Charley playing the guitar.
- 5) Mayor Capoccia attended the L. A. County Meeting. They elected new officers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Garry Rapkin

Dr. Rapkin wished to compliment the City Council on moving forward with the Sheriff Department. In 20 years of experience as Superintendent, the Sheriff's Department did as well as the Police. My understanding is that Sierra Madre is facing a deficit of \$500,000-\$700,000. The Sheriff's Department would be quite a savings. Filling vacancies in the Police Department is difficult. I would hope that the Mayor and City Council would not use the Library, etc. as motivator. Moving the Sheriff's Department in would be a savings and continue with all services. All services will be taken care of.

Steve Stafford

Mr. Stafford lives in Temple City and has for his whole life. The homeless situation is getting better. The Sheriff's Department does a very good job. I see problems if you don't move forward. Thank you.

Christiine Soldate, Ramona Avenue

Ms. Soldate remarked that she has friends throughout the San Gabriel Valley. They don't get good service from the Sheriff's Department. My alarm went off – our Police Department was there immediately. How can two Sheriff's personnel handle our City. There are concerned residents.

Emmett McGuire, San Gabriel Court

Mr. McGuire remarked that we are in a funny condition. The Sheriff's Department is to cover overnight. I support it. To close our Police Department, I do not support. I support the UUT. I am grateful that the Sheriff's Department will come in for an interim time. I thought savings were minimal. I like our local cops.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input portion of meeting.

PRESENTATION:

Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works, gave an update regarding water conservation and the City's Water Quality Report. A slide presentation was given by Mr. Inman.

- June 2015 through January 2016 total reduction: 14.7%
- February 2016 reduction: 17.99%
- Water level at Well 3 =380.4 AMSL (An improvement of 45 feet higher from historic low of October 9, 2013).
- Leaks repaired since January 26: 4. Average number of Leaks per month June – December 2015: 43.
- 30 Top Water Users List Created from February Billing – 15 of those were at or below their conservation goal. Staff attempted to contact only those who were exceeding their goals.
- Skyland/Idle Hour main replacement project wrapping up this week.
- Manzanita/Sierra Place project set for award of construction March 8th, but we might reject bids.

Mr. Inman stated that Water Conservation has been extended through October of next year.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, gave the following report under the Consent Calendar:

1a). WARRANTS

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 16-12 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS" and approval of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$216,606.44; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in aggregate amount of \$4,257.38 and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$295,963.81 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

1b). AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CENIC AGREEMENT FOR INCREASED BROADBAND FOR LIBRARY

Staff is requesting that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the “Agreement Between Sierra Madre Public Library and Califa for the Provision, Installation and Maintenance of Advanced Network (Data) Services” by the contract due date on March 1, 2016 (Attachment 1 in Agenda). The City may terminate the agreement without penalty if done within sixty days of its signing. The sixty day timeframe is adequate for the City to determine General Fund revenues based on the outcome of Measure UUT at the April 12, 2016 election.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the “Agreement Between Sierra Madre Public Library and Califa for the Provision, Installation and Maintenance of Advanced Network (Data) Services”; and to terminate the agreement within sixty days of signing if Measure UUT does not pass on April 12, 2016.

The City Council on January 12, 2016, approved the submittal of the grant application to the State Library for the California Public Library Broadband Project to purchase equipment for increased broadband at the Library and designate \$18,660 from the Library’s Gift and Memorial Account for the remaining equipment purchases. The State Library has determined that the Sierra Madre Public Library is eligible to join the California Research and Education Network (CalREN), a high capacity fiber network with broadband speed up to 1 gigabit and sent an agreement between the City Library and Califa, a California public benefit corporation acting on behalf of the California State Library. The signed agreement is due on March 1, 2016.

The City may cancel its participation in the program without a financial impact if the Library notifies Califa by April 30, 2016.

1c). CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF \$196,515 IN FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – LOCAL (STP-1) HIGHWAY FUNDS WITH ETRO FOR \$192,584.70 IN LOCAL HIGHWAY FUNDS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the exchange of \$196,515 in federal Surface Transportation program – local funds with Los Angeles Metro for an amount of \$192,584.70 in local highway funds and direct staff to send a letter to Metro authorizing the exchange.

Staff was notified on February 9th by Metro that the City has qualified for an exchange of its annual allocations of federal highway funds for federal fiscal years 2014 through 2019. The exchange may include \$32,700 in FFY 2014 funds. The current FFY allocation of \$32,763 and the combined allocations of the next four years. The total of the six years’ funds is \$196,515.

Alternatives:

- 1). The City Council may approve the exchange of \$196,515 in federal Surface Transportation – local funds with Los Angeles METRO for an amount of \$192,584.70 in local highway funds and direct staff to send a letter to METRO authorizing the exchange.

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- 2). The City Council may direct staff to retain the full amount of available STP-1 funding and proceed through the process of developing a Caltrans-approved street resurfacing project. This will require re-allocation of funding to other qualifying streets and will result in a limitation types of resurfacing work to be done. It will also raise design and construction costs and delay the project approval process.

1d). CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-14 APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The General Services Agreement (GSA) between the City of Sierra Madre and Los Angeles County provides authority for the County to provide services, as requested by the City of Sierra Madre. It is recommended that the City Council approve the renewal of a General Services Agreement between the City of Sierra Madre and the County of Los Angeles.

The General Service Agreement specifies the method by which the City request for and pays for the service and provides for the annual adjustment of rates. Services under the GSA are miscellaneous in nature and occur on an “as-needed” basis. The scope of services includes health code enforcement, prosecution of city ordinances, direct assessment collection and a variety of public works services.

It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 16-14 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES”.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public comment and there was none.

Council Member, John Harabedian, moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, for approval of the Consent Calendar as presented by staff. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2) COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Marcie Medina, Finance Director, gave the staff report.

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the FY 2014-2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and related reports.

Attached to the Agenda was the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015, and related reports: Auditor’s Report on Internal Control and Compliance Matters and SAS 14 Letter.

Copies of the report are available via the City’s website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, at the City Hall public counter, and the Sierra Madre Public Library.

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Ms. Medina also gave a slide presentation which is available for anyone wishing a copy.

Council Members Delmar and Harabedian thanked Ms. Medina for her comprehensive report.

Danny Hernandez, Auditors – Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, CPA since 1948

Mr. Hernandez also thanked staff for their help throughout the audit process.

Scott Manno followed with a slide presentation. This also is available at City Hall for anyone wanting a copy.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public comment and there was none.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, thanked Marcie and her staff for the comprehensive financial report. Her skills and technical ability are superb.

Mayor Capoccia also thanked Marcie Medina for her report and noted that this is a receive and file agenda item.

3) TEMPORARY SUPPLEMENTAL POLICE SERVICES FOR NIGHT-TIME PATROL

Larry Giannone, Director of Public Safety, gave the staff report.

The City is seeking to secure temporary Police Services from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) for the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily. The Sierra Madre Police Department has been providing patrol services, but due to numerous staff vacancies, the officers are working at an overtime pace that cannot be sustained and it is necessary to secure supplemental services.

Staff has negotiated an agreement with LASD and a copy of the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Agreement is included with this report. Should the City Council approve the contract, LASD will begin patrolling Sierra Madre in the evening/early morning hours beginning on February 28, 2016. The cost to provide these services is \$98,000.00 a month. The current contract and cost is valid through June 30, 2016.

The Sierra Madre Police Department is budgeted for 20 full-time employees, including the Police Chief, and Captain. In addition there are several part-time employees who complement the full time staff. Over the course of several months, nine full-time employees, three part-time Community Service Officers, and one part-time Police Officer, have resigned. Additionally, there is the possibility that the SMPD may lose a few more employees. Employees are leaving for a variety of reasons including retirement, opportunity to work for high paying departments, and a perceived lack of job security in light of the scheduled decrease of the Utility User Tax and the pending revenue measure on the April 2016 ballot.

Recruitment efforts have been difficult for some time due to the City's lower salaries and more recently, discussions regarding possible service level reductions (such as contracting police services), has resulted in some employees seeking employment opportunities elsewhere. Additionally, cities that had reduced hiring during the recession, have begun to recruit and there are more positions available than there has been in the past.

Fortunately, the City has been able to hire three additional part-time LAPD Officers, however, their training and schedules will only allow for them to assist us approximately two or three times a month, once they complete a short training process. The new part-time officers are scheduled to start in March. Furthermore, with new recruiting efforts the Police Department has successfully recruited and hired three Dispatchers and has one Police Officer Recruit in background, with a potential hiring date by mid-March.

LASD will charge \$98,000 a month for their services. This price will remain in effect until June 30, 2016. Starting July 1, 2016, the monthly cost will increase to \$101,645 a month (4% projected increase), at which time the City Council will review a new contract to continue services.

Alternatives:

- 1) The City Council may approve the proposed Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Agreement with LASD for temporary night-time patrol services beginning February 28, 2016 and approve the necessary funding from the General Fund Reserves.
- 2) The City Council may deny the proposed Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Agreement with LASD for temporary night-time patrol services and provide staff with alternate direction.

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Agreement that provides for LASD to provide temporary night-time patrol services beginning February 28, 2016 and approve the necessary funding in the amount of \$400,000 (February 28 to June 30, 2016) from the General Fund Reserves.

Mr. Giannone stated that the City will cover services during the day as usual. The Sheriff's Department will provide two deputies and two vehicles. They will staff whatever is needed for the evening hours. Any new contracts will have a 4% increase. The Sheriff's Department will have access to our Police Station, but they will work out of Temple City.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Barry Gold, Ramona Avenue

Good evening Mayor Capoccia and Council Members,

I am Barry Gold, the first Write-In Candidate for City Council here in Sierra Madre in 25 years. Concerning the Sheriff providing us with night patrol protection, after you get over the sticker shock one realizes there really is no choice. The staff reached out to Arcadia, Monrovia, Irwindale, Azusa, South Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino, and Pasadena, who are all facing the same recruiting problems we have. A small town like Sierra Madre cannot compete with the larger cities for police personnel and we do not have to compete, we can contract with the County Sheriff to patrol our city in the day time as well as the night. By contracting for full time services the Sheriff will provide us with more protection at a lower cost. And they can be based right here in our own police station. I understand why people want to keep our police department - It is in character with our cherished small town image. But we have to realize that it is no longer possible. Yes, it is sad, but sooner or later will need to contract with the Sheriff. I just wish it would be sooner rather than later so the savings can be used for fixing our streets, sidewalks, and most important, more of our water pipes. To solve our immediate night patrol problem you should bring in the Sheriff. I would have gone to the Sheriff first since I believe it is in the best interest of all Sierra Madre residents to have the best possible protection available. Thank you for your time.

Joan McGuire, San Gabriel Court

Ms. McGuire questioned if we were to permanently contract with the Sheriff's Department, they would be based out of Temple City – am I wrong? That is my issue. We aren't saving that much going with the Sheriff's Department. I am for temporary, part-time patrol. I am not convinced that going with the Sheriff's Department full-time is what we want.

Mayor Capoccia remarked that we are not discussing full-time Sheriff's Department tonight.

Steve Stafford, Temple City

Mr. Stafford remarked that the Sheriff's Department will use the Sierra Madre Station. It will be good and you will be proud.

Mayor Capoccia thanked Mr. Stafford for his interest in Sierra Madre.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input portion.

Council Member, John Harabedian, is in favor of temporary Sheriff's Department services. If we go past June, we would have a 4% increase. Hope we don't have to do that. I am in favor and hope truly temporary services will only be needed.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi remarked that we don't have any other option. I am in favor of supporting.

Mayor Capoccia remarked that services will be provided as needed. There is a 90 day clause for cancellation. If we don't use their services, we wouldn't pay.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that we are being asked to take this amount of money out of Reserves.

Council Member Delmar stated that she is looking at the cost, and has sticker shock. We need them. We will see if we can recruit in our Department. We must do now, we have no other choice.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, agrees with everything that has been said. I would have liked Arcadia. I will support reluctantly.

Mayor Capoccia stated, "We need to do".

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, moved and it was seconded by Council Member, John Harabedian, for approval of staff's recommendation.

Public Safety Director, Larry Giannone, reported that they have dates set for four orals. On February 29th, we have six people and March 9-10 we have 223 individuals to review. On April 2nd, we have 122 to take agility.

4). DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSOLIDATED ELECTION FOR THE “STOP THE UTILITY USERS’ TAX MEASURE

Elaine I. Aguilar, City Manager, gave the staff report.

At a previous meeting, the City Council requested information regarding a special election that could be consolidated with a County election for the voters to consider the “Stop the Utility Users’ Tax” measure. In particular, the Council requested information regarding the costs and the other measures or offices that would be voted upon at the June 7, 2016 and November 8, 2016 elections.

Consolidating the election would mean that Sierra Madre voters would vote on the “Stop the UUT Measure”, along with other items that are on the County ballot pertaining to state, Federal, Special Districts, County offices, ballot measures, etc. The City’s budget does not include funds for a Special Election, estimated at \$20,000 to \$35,000.

According to the Registrar-Recorder’s office, the last date for the City Council to adopt a resolution requesting to consolidate with the June 7, 2016 election is March 11, 2016. This is the last day for the City Clerk to file the resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. The Resolution placing the measure on the ballot must contain the ballot wording, which cannot exceed 75 words. The last day to submit the Impartial Analysis to the City Clerk is March 18, 2016, which is also the last day to submit arguments “For” or “Against” any city measure. Arguments cannot exceed 300 words. The last day to submit rebuttals to the City Clerk “For” or “Against” any measure is March 28th, and the rebuttal shall not exceed 250 words. Sample ballot booklets would be mailed between April 28th and May 28th.

According to the Registrar-Recorder’s Office, the current deadline for filing resolutions requesting to consolidate with the November 8, 2016 General Election is 88 days before the election, or August 12, 2016 (For measures only). The Impartial Analysis and arguments “For” and “Against” would be due to the City Clerk on August 19th. August 29th would be the last day to submit rebuttals.

There are no financial impacts associated with the preparation of this report other than staff time. The estimated cost to consolidate with the County is approximately \$20,000 to \$35,000, plus any costs for the City Clerk. The financial impact of the “Stop the Utility Users’ Tax” was presented at the February 9th Council meeting, and amounts to an approximate \$2.5M reduction in General Fund revenues.

It is recommended that the City Council provide staff with direction.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, remarked that this item was brought back because the City Council wanted dates and amounts. There are no proponents present and they didn’t request a special election.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input

Emmett McGuire

Mr. McGuire wanted to speak against doing this – it is a ridiculous measure. Wait until April 2018. We have until August for November ballot. Take no action until results from UUT. Urge you to take my recommendation.

Christine Soldate

Ms. Soldate questioned if the UUT passes, and the Stop UUT passes, it will stop it.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input.

Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney, stated that Ms. Soldate has a good question. If you have the April Election and the UUT has a majority and later, if you get a majority of those who vote, the repeal would happen.

Mayor Capoccia stated that the people need to vote.

Council Member Harabedian stated that he would propose the April 2018 election for the Repeal.

Council Member Delmar agrees that April 2018 is okay.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, also agrees with April 2018 election.

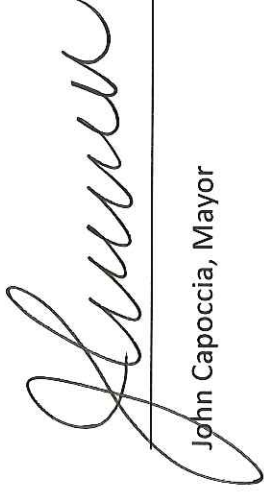
Council Member Arizmendi also agrees with April 2018.

The City Manager stated, "No action is necessary".

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to a Closed Session to discuss the Labor Negotiations with the Police Association with its labor negotiator. The City Council received a briefing and provided direction to its labor negotiator. The Closed Session adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



John Capoccia, Mayor

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