



**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND  
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 4:00 pm**

Sierra Madre Memorial Park Band Shell  
222 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City Council meeting was held at the City of Sierra Madre Memorial Park Band shell located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre CA 91024.

The meeting was streamed live on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment was also made by e-mail to [PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com](mailto:PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com) by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails were acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record.

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

Mayor Arizmendi called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. City Clerk Aguilar called the roll.

Present: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, and Council Members Edward Garcia, Kelly Kriebs, and Robert Parkhurst

Absent: None

Also Present: Gabe Engeland, City Manager  
Miguel Hernandez, Assistant City Manager  
Aleks Giragosian, City Attorney  
Laura Aguilar, City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager  
Rodrick Armalin, Chief of Police  
Henry Amos, Police Captain  
Jose Reynoso, Director of Utility Services  
Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works  
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Community and Preservation  
Clare Lin, Senior Planner  
James Carlson, Management Analyst  
Jen Peterson, Administrative Analyst  
Oscar Millan, IT Manager  
Christian Delgado, Senior Network Administrator

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION**

Council Member Kriebs led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided a Mother's Day message.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Mayor Arizmendi asked for approval of the agenda.

Council Member Parkhurst moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Garcia seconded the motion.

Mayor Arizmendi called for a vote of the Council to approve the agenda.

Ayes: Mayor Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Goss, and Council Members Garcia, Kriebs, and Parkhurst  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

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

## **APPROVAL FOR READING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Vote of the City Council to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only and waive the reading in full.

Mayor Arizmendi asked for a motion.

A motion to approve the reading of resolutions and ordinances was made by Council Member Garcia.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Parkhurst.

Mayor Arizmendi called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Goss, and Council Members Garcia, Kriebs, and Parkhurst  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

The motion to approve the reading of all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only and waive the reading in full was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Arizmendi asked for a motion or suggested changes to meeting minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 27, 2021.

Council Member Parkhurst responded that he e-mailed City Clerk Aguilar with his changes. Specifically, Council Member Parkhurst requested the following changes:

- Page 5. Remove the number 1 under Consent Items to reflect Consent Items a-d instead of a – 1d.
- Page 5. Add: "Council Member Parkhurst recommended moving 17.52.070 D. to the end of the section."

Mayor Pro Tem Goss moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 27, 2021 as amended.

Council Member Kriebs seconded the motion.

Mayor Arizmendi called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Goss, and Council Members Garcia, Kriebs, and Parkhurst  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

The motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 27, 2021, as amended was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Kriebs: attended the Friends of the Library Tasting event. Council Member Kriebs also, provided a report on the Chamber of Commerce and advised that the Chamber is hopeful there will be a Wistaria Festival next March.

Council Member Parkhurst reported that he attended a meeting of the Planning Commission. Council Member Parkhurst also attended a meeting of the Clean Power Alliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Goss had nothing to report.

Council Member Garcia had nothing to report.

Mayor Arizmendi had nothing to report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Karen Rowinsky read a statement on behalf of Patricia Alcorn who was unable to attend the meeting. The statement indicated Mrs. Alcorn's desire to have the Planning Commission return to 7 members and

to restore design review of most applications to the Commission. The written statement was provided to the City Clerk and entered into public record.

Eileen Walker, 400 Block of Ramona asked that Council not allow mature trees to be removed.

Gary Hood, Baldwin Avenue asked the Council to return the Planning Commission to 7 members.

Tom Arnt, Suffolk concerned about yellow blinking lights at the crosswalks and asked that the lights be red instead of yellow.

Lynn Coleman, Carter Avenue asked that the Planning Commission return to 7 members.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment on items not on the agenda.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Police Chief Armalin reported with a Power Point Presentation.

The report was filed; no action was taken.

## **AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

### **a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-26 APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS**

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre does hereby approve payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$268,816.77; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$4,506.55; and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$348,684.65; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

### **b) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 1441 AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO MAKE FAMILY DAYCARE HOMES, MODULAR AND MANUFACTURED HOMES, AND TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING A PERMITTED USE WITHIN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS, TO MAKE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING A USE BY RIGHT IN MULTIFAMILY ZONES, AND TO AMEND EMERGENCY SHELTER PARKING REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO STATE LAW**

It is recommended that the City Council conducts a second reading of Ordinance 1441, amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to make family daycare homes, manufactured homes, and supportive and transitional housing a permitted use within all residential zoning districts, to make supportive housing a use by right in multifamily zones, and to amend the parking requirements for emergency shelters pursuant to State law.

### **c) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER AND ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICE WITH THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Professional Services Agreement for Animal Shelter and Animal Control Services with the Pasadena Humane Society in the amount of \$50,149 annually.

### **d) CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1442, AMENDING TITLE 6 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ANIMAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

It is recommended that the City Council introduce and give first reading to Ordinance 1442 therein amending Title 2 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code regulating animals.

Mayor Arizmendi asked if any Council Members had questions on any Consent items. The Council collectively asked various questions which were answered by City staff.

Council Member Garcia asked that Section 2.0 COMPENSATION AND BILLING of Item C be clarified with regards to the Consumer Price Index and recommended a CPI Escalator.

Mayor Arizmendi opened the meeting for Public Comment on the Consent calendar.

Lynn Coleman asked from the podium what types of services were offered by Pasadena Humane Society.

Seeing no one else come forward and acknowledging that no e-mails had been received, Mayor Arizmendi closed Public Comment on Consent items and brought the matter back to the Council.

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve Consent items a – d, with amendments to Item C to include a CPI Escalator.

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Arizmendi called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Goss, and Council Members Garcia, Kriebs, and Parkhurst  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

The motion to approve Consent Items a – d, as amended, was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 612**

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

Management Analyst Carlson gave a brief overview of the report that was requested by Council Member Parkhurst.

Mayor Arizmendi asked Council Member Parkhurst to further report on SB 612

The City Council, collectively, asked questions.

Mayor Arizmendi opened this item for Public Comment. Two comments were received via email and read into record by City Clerk Aguilar;

Andrew Kosydar, PhD, Advisor, State Public Affairs, Southern California Edison opposing SB 612.

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, Clean Power Alliance in support of SB 612.

Seeing no one come forward to the podium, Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment and brought the matter back to Council for discussion or a motion.

Council further discussed the matter but no motion was made.

## **FUTURE ITEMS:**

Mayor Arizmendi asked if any Council Member wished to add any items for future meetings. No items were requested by the Council.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Arizmendi adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

THIS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 5:27 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held on May 25, 2021.



Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:

  
Laura Aguilar, City Clerk