

AGENDA

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



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

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

**Closed Session 5:00 pm
Open Session 6:30 pm**

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

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

**Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi
participating via telephone from:**

**The Pines Lodge
Business Center
141 Scott Hill Road
Beaver Creek, CO 81620**

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council will listen to the public on any item on the agenda. Under the Brown Act, Council is prohibited from taking action on items not on the agenda, but the matter may be referred to staff or to a subsequent meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by appropriate City Council action.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Persons wishing to speak on any item on the agenda will be called at the time the agenda item is brought forward. Persons wishing to speak on closed session items have a choice of doing so either immediately prior to the closed session or at the time for comments on items at the open session.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Time shall be devoted to audience participation early on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding Closed Session Items

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CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiators: City Manager Elaine Aguilar and Assistant City Manager Elisa Cox
Employee Organization: Police Association

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: INITIATION OF LITIGATION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Number of potential cases: One

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MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Council Members Arizmendi, Delmar, and Harabedian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND
INVOCATION/INSPIRATION

Council Member Denise Delmar

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney report from the closed session.

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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member activities relating to City business.

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QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

Recommendation that the City Council receive and file.

- c) **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FIRST QUARTER OF FY 2015/2016**

Recommendation that the City Council receive and file.

- d) **BANKING SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Recommendation that the City Council approve a five-year agreement with Bank of the West

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- h) **RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD A UNIT
PRICE CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY
REPLACEMENT OF SKYLAND DRIVE
WATER MAIN**

Recommendation that the City Council award a unit price contract for emergency replacement of Skyland Drive water main.

- i) **LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
CONTRACT PROPOSAL PHASE II**

Recommendation that the City Council authorize the City Manager to send a request letter to Los Angeles County for either the complete Phase II Study or a modified Phase II Study.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 15-03:
ORDINANCE No. 1368 AMENDING CHAPTER
17.22 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL
CODE REGARDING SECOND UNITS

Recommendation that the City Council conduct a Public Hearing, introduce, and approve Ordinance 1368, for first reading by title only, and waive further reading.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3. UTILITY USER TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 2014

Recommendation that the City Council receive and file.

4. APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN FROM
OCTOBER 20, 2015 RETREAT

Recommendation that the City Council approve the Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives from the October 20, 2015 Strategic Plan Retreat.

5. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING
UTILITY USERS TAX ADVISORY MEASURE AT
THE APRIL 12, 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSOLIDATED
ELECTIONS

Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction.

7. PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

Recommendation that the City Council approve the appropriation of \$44,000 to the Public Art Program and prioritize the project list.

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, November 27, 2015.

Agenda

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

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Closed Session: 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. The Mayor asked for public comment and there was none, so the Mayor immediately adjourned to the Closed Session. The City Council returned from Closed Session at a 6:30 p.m. and the Mayor opened the Open Session at 6:34 p.m. City Clerk, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, read the roll noting that all Council Members were present, with Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi participating via telephone from The Pines Lodge Business Center, Beaver Creek CO 81620.

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

Present: John Capoccia, Mayor; Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members,
Rachelle Arizmendi (participating via telephone from The Pines Lodge
Business Center, 141 Scott Hill Road, Beaver Creek, CO 81620); Denise
Delmar and John Harabedian

Absent: None

Also Present: Elaine Aguilar, City Manager
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney
Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works
Carolyn Thomas, Director of Library Services
Larry Giannone, Safety Director and Police Chief
Captain, Joe Ortiz, Sierra Madre Police Department
Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief
Vincent Gonzalez, Planning & Community Preservation Director
Dani Cullens, Community Services Manager
Richard Mays, City Treasurer
Nancy Sue Shollenberger, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Council Member, Denise Delmar, led the Pledge of Allegiance and following with a Veteran's
Day Poem:

Take A Moment To Thank A Veteran

When you see someone in a uniform,
Someone who serves us all,
Doing military duty,
Answering their country's call,

Take a moment to thank them
For protecting what you old dear;
Tell them you are proud of them;
Make it very clear.

Just tap them on the shoulder,
Give a smile, and say,
“Thanks for what you’re doing
To keep us safe in the USA!”

By: Joanna Fuchs

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney, reported that the City Council met in closed session to discuss the following:

Conference with Legal Counsel

Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

The City Council/Agency finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the local agency in the litigation.
Existing Litigation:

Donald Sipple et al vs. City of Alameda, et al
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC462270

The City Attorney stated that she gave a briefing on existing litigation to the City Council and direction was provided.

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiators: City Manager Elaine Aguilar and Assistant City Manager Elisa Cox
Employee Organization: Police Association

The City Attorney stated that the City Council provided direction, but no action was taken.

Conference with Legal Council: Initiation of Litigation

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Number of potential cases: One

The City Attorney stated that she updated the City Council and the City Council provided direction to the City Attorney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, asked that Items 1h) and 1i) be pulled for separate discussion.

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, For approval of the Agenda with the amendment made by the City Manager. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2015:

Mayor Capoccia provided the following changes to the Minutes:

Page 9 of 28: Mayor Capoccia remarked: "Why can't we be like we were in the 50's?"

Change to: Mayor Capoccia remarked: I often get asked, "Why can't we be like we were in the 50's?" The Answer is that we didn't have these requirements in the 50's!

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Change to: Mayor Capoccia stated that if we fill the frozen position, the costs go up. Our police department is not funded properly today even though our crime rate is lowest in the area, this may not be sustainable.

Page 23 of 28: Next to last paragraph: 7th word was typed sediments and should be sentiments.

Page 24 of 28: 5th paragraph read: Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that he sees the UUT at 10%.
Use proposal at future time to see if they want savings, then sunset to 10%. Let committee give guidance.

Change to: Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that he sees the UUT at 10%. Use proposal at future time to see if the voters want savings, then we can consider sunset setting the UUT.

Page 24 of 28: 3rd paragraph from bottom: Mayor, John Capoccia, noted that he is concerned about the morale of the Police Department. By going to Phase 2 in two years, we are done. It is helpful to put to voters.

Change to: Mayor, John Capoccia, noted that he is concerned about the morale of the Police Department. By going to Phase 2, then going to the voters in two years, we are done. It is helpful to put to voters.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, made the following change to the Minutes:

Page 9 of 28: Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, also remarked about 1b – the residents need to understand how much the higher levels of government ask us to pay things. We sign off on some outlays all the time.

Change to: Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, also remarked about 1b – the residents need to understand how much the higher levels of government force us to pay things. We sign off on some outlays all the time.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss moved and it was seconded by Council Member, John Harabedian for approval of the Minutes of October 27, 2015 as amended. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 1). Council Member, John Harabedian, wished all Veterans a Happy Veteran Day. Also, St. Rita's Town Hall Meeting is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Master Plan Process, Revamp and Remodel, campers – they want to hear from the citizens. It will be held in O'Malley Hall.
- 2). Council Member, Denise Delmar, remarked about the Saturday Planning at City Hall. Elisa cox organized. Thanks to all for buying bricks. The staff helped a lot. City Hall looks pretty.
- 3). Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss also echoed what was said about the Veterans. The Halloween decorations on Alegria were beautiful – everyone had a ball, my son and friends went. Thanks to all for putting on this show. All are volunteers. We had a mass of halloweeners! Sierra Madre is a safe place so outsiders come to our city.
- 4). Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi also acknowledged the Halloween happenings and the City event. The community and volunteers turned out – it was great! On Planting Day, I followed the Mayor's lead. The Garden Club and many others helped. The Mayor and I are on the subcommittee for the U.U.T.
- 5). Mayor, John Capoccia, acknowledged and appreciates the Veterans that were present at this meeting. Last week, I attended the Regional Water Board Meeting in Los Angeles. We want feedback on permits and received comments from cities. A reminder that the voters are on the hook to capture storm-water. It is a \$25M investment. We don't know where we are going to get the money. My impression is that we are stuck in this box. In a meeting with Senator Huff and Hernandez regarding the NPDES problem, it is a big problem for us, we need legislative action. It could cost each resident \$200.00/year for 20 years. It is a really important issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Culley Eaby

Mr. Eaby thanked the Veterans also. "We love our Library". Our Library is so good. I use the Library a lot. The staff reads to children and if they read five books, they can get a free In & Out Burger. The Librarians are courteous. If I need help, they help me. The Library sells used books. I support the Library and Police Department. I took care of my mother in Sierra Madre until she passed away. I love Sierra Madre.

David Loera, Commander of 4th District

Mr. Loera was present at this meeting to request the City Council and Judy Chu to name the Sierra Madre Post Office after Louie Van Iersel – he followed with his background. We want a letter from the City Council for their support. Pasadena City College – we request City Council support with a letter to support Veteran Based, Out-Patient, Health Care Clinic at the College.

The group followed with a special award to Mayor, John Capoccia, they appreciate all the Mayor is doing for service in furthering the aims of the Veterans.

Mayor Capoccia stated, "We can't do enough for our Veterans".

Joyce Canyon, N. Mt. Trail

Ms. Canyon expressed her concern as she is extremely worried about the safety of students at the Middle School at the corner of Mt. Trail and Highland. It is like a raceway. We need a stop sign. Don't wait until something happens. Please do something.

Mayor Capoccia stated, "This issue has come up before. Thank you."

Ron Coleman, Fairview

Mr. Coleman remarked that residents have stopped him because of his remarks in the past. Civic Club puts together the window painting. The Mayor mentioned storm-water – staff told workers not to clean the gate from leaves. The residents are taking care of it. Today, I called the City and Mayor about conveying to all that we are in winter rationing. If you are west of Baldwin look at lat year's bill. The City can't come up with numbers on water we have. I have volunteers that say it is simple. We will put together a spreadsheet. Many of us are under their allotment. We can give you a number.

Carol Keith, W. Highland

Ms. Keith also requested a stop sign at Mt. Trail and Highland.

Jennifer Kenyon

Ms. Kenyon also requested a stop sign at Mt. Trail and Highland

Brett Kenyon

Mr. Kenyon also requested a stop sign at Mt. Trail and Highland.

Connie Keith

Ms. Keith also requested a stop sign as there have been so many close calls.

Dana Taylor

Ms. Taylor also requested a stop sign.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input.

Mayor Capoccia remarked that the Highland concern keeps coming up. This is a commonsense item. We should agendize as soon as possible.

The City Manager stated that it will be agendized at one of the January meetings.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, asked if the police could patrol during this time and the City Manager stated, "yes".

Council Member, John Harabedian asked if the School District was aware of this issue – maybe they could provide crossing guards. Who is the liaison? (Council Member Arizmendi is the liaison).

The City Manager stated that this item will be agendized.

Mayor Capoccia asked if a Resolution could come forward in support of the VFW folks.

Council Member Harabedian noted that it could be a letter in support with all five City Council Members signing.

Mayor Capoccia stated that there will be letters in support at the next City Council Meeting for the Clinic and Post Office.

The City Manager remarked that Bruce Inman reviewed the Skyland Drive Water Main and Section 22050 permits the City Council to waive bidding requirements. We need the vote of the City Council. Also, regarding the Sheriff Proposal – we need to price out aspects of contracting except personnel. The personnel portion will take 3-6 months. The facility and equipment assessment needs to be addressed. The police staff will assist the Sheriff's Department, there may be \$5,000 in overtime.

Council Member Arizmendi had no questions at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1a). WARRANTS:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 15-65 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS" and approval for payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$374,266.35; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in aggregate amount of \$2,990.36 and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$659,410.22 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

1b). TREASURER'S REPORT – QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Attached to the Agenda was the Fourth Quarter Report of the City Treasurer for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

1c). QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT – FIRST QUARTER OF FY 2015-16

Attached to the Agenda was the Quarterly Financial Report for First Quarter of the 2015-16 fiscal year.

1d). BANKING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Bank of America has provided the City of Sierra Madre banking services for over ten years. There have been many changes in the banking industry over time, it was determined that the City should issue a request for proposals (RFP) for banking services to see what the industry could offer.

Staff recommends the City Council approve a five-year agreement with Bank of the West.

1e).

CANCEL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 14-07 (cup 14-07) PERMITTING VERIZON WIRELESS TO INSTALL A NW WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON OAK MEADOW ROAD AND 230 FEET NORTH OF EAST ORANGE GROVE AVENUE.

On June 9, 2015, the City Council approved Conditional Use Permit 14-07 (CUP 14-07) and Variance 15-01 (VAR 15-01) to allow the applicant Verizon Wireless, to replace an existing 35 foot tall Southern California Edison pole and to install a new 39 foot 6-nch pole that includes a stealth wireless telecommunications facility with one (1) antenna. The application was submitted Pursuant to Section 17.93.060, as defined in the Public Utilities Code, all wireless telecommunications facilities other than those operated by telephone corporations located within the public-right-of-way shall require approval of a conditional use permit; and Code Section 17.93.050.A.10, a variance is required for wireless facilities located less than 50 feet from a residential property line.

Staff recommends that City Council CANCEL Conditional Use Permit 14-07 and amend City Council Resolution 15-28, striking all references to CUP 14-07.

1f).

NOTICE OF COMPLETION, MUNICIPAL LAP POOL, REPLASTERING AND WADING POOL PROJECT.

The Sierra Vista Park municipal lap pool re-plastering and wading pool project has been completed.

Staff recommends 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.

Project was awarded to Condor Incorporated in the amount not-to-exceed \$152,700. The project was completed without any Change Orders, coming in at the contract amount of \$138,812.50.

1g).

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-67 SETTING EXCESS WATER USE PENALTY FEE AMOUNT, DIRECTING STAFF TO DIRECTLY CONTACT HIGH WATER USERS, AND PROVIDING PENALTY RELIEF IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE LEAK REPAIRS.

This agenda item returns three matters to City Council for action that were discussed during a prior meeting.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-67 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF SIERRA MADRE REINSTATING THE PENALTIES ON FOR EXCESS WATER USE SET FORTH IN MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.24.140 (A, B) PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF A DROUGHT OR WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY; DIRECTING STAFF TO DIRECTLY CONTACT HIGH WATER USERS; AND PROVIDING PENALTY RELIEF IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE LEAK REPAIRS."

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Mayor Capoccia asked the City Council if they had any questions under the Consent Calendar:

Council Member Harabedian asked that under 1b) – the staff agendize the investment policy. The City Manager noted that it will be after January or February. Council Member Harabedian asked why there wasn't more interest in banking services? The City Manager said we are not considered a large business client. Council Member Harabedian also asked who made the decision on the telephone corporation. The City Manager stated that initially when applied and after granted, the statement was made that it was PUC supported. They fall in that category. Council Member Harabedian noted that it is similar to the debate with The Gas Co.

The City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith, remarked that we don't have discretionary approval. The City could request changing the location if need be at their own cost.

Mayor Capoccia questioned under "excess water" (1g) 'averaging 3 months' – amount of normal use may be subject to interpretation.

City Manager Aguilar noted that it can be rewritten.

Mayor Capoccia asked if we need to define high water users 30% over goal.

The City Manager stated, "yes".

Mayor Capoccia remarked that we could have lots of residents just 25% over – should you broaden to say anyone over goal?

The City Manager stated that it limits the amount of contacts.

Mayor Capoccia stated that he doesn't want it in the resolution that it is only 25% over – don't narrow so tightly.

The City Manager stated that staff needs a definition of who we contact – we could rewrite anyone who exceeds conservation target.

City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith, remarked that the specific provision is to show the Water Board we are trying to comply. Try to define tonight.

Mayor Capoccia noted that the City Council needs to authorize staff to contact the customers.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public comment.

Culley Eaby

Mr. Eaby addressed law enforcement – somebody mentioned commonsense. We are a safe city. The closest Sheriff's Office is in Compton. The Fire Department are volunteers. The Police chief is so nice. Council Member Arizmendi called me and we had a good conversation. County Sheriffs have too much to worry about. Keep our Police Department.

Ron Coleman, Fairview

Mr. Coleman remarked that the Committee spent lots of time researching the Sheriff's Department. I thought it was "Thanks, but no thanks." Are we going to beat a dead horse?

Barry Gold, Ramona

Mr. Gold stated that whether we want the Sheriff, we may not have a choice. You need to pursue in case we don't have a choice.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline asked if Phase II has use of the City building? How far has the study gone out? Maybe save in year 1 and 2 – who pays PERS? I support local Police Department. Let's first see how we can cut in town. The first U.U.T. was supported for public safety.

Mayor, John Capoccia noted that we are not deciding now, we are just proceeding ahead to get formal quote so we can get facts to the residents. Mayor Capoccia asked if the City Council was okay with Items 1a thru 1f? Item 1g – change 30% to 10% and remove "normal use".

The City Manager noted that the revised water bill will be a three-month average.

Council Member Harabedian remarked that staff can contact 30% over their conservation target, or more.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, noted that if we can get those residents to act responsible who are the higher users, we can meet our targets.

Mayor Capoccia asked Council Member Arizmendo what she would suggest.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi proposes 10% over conservation target.

City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith noted that this is by resolution only, and if you adopt tonight, the City Council can always make changes.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that we will start with 30% over first.

Council Member, Denise Delmar asked if we would be getting a report?

The City Manager stated, "Yes, we can do".

1h) RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD A UNIT PRICE CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY
REPLACEMENT OF SKYLAND DRIVE WATER MAIN (BID ESTIMATES).

Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works, gave the staff report.

Staff recommends that the City Council award a contract to Perry Thomas Construction in an amount not to exceed \$331,272.00 for the emergency removal and replacement of the water main, water services, fire hydrants and valves on Skyland Drive and Idlehour Lane. Staff further recommends that the City Council award a contract to Rain-for-Rent for the installation and one-month rental of temporary water mains in Skyland Drive for \$22,573.

Mayor Capoccia asked about the emergency replacement on Skyland Drive.

Council Member, Denise Delmar asked when this will start?

Mr. Inman stated that contracts will be signed next week.

1j). LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S PROPOSAL TO GO TO PHASE II

At the October 27, 2015 City Council Meeting, direction was given to staff to move forward with the Phase II Study of the Sheriff's Contract Proposal. Staff contacted the representatives from the Sheriff's Department for cost and process to move forward.

The estimated cost for the full Phase II Study is \$40,000-\$60,000. This reflects the cost of conducting the personnel related recruitment process. Staff has requested the cost of a modified Phase II process that does not include the staff evaluation/recruitment process, and will provide this estimated cost at the Tuesday night's meeting.

Staff recommends that the City Manager be authorized to send the request letter to Los Angeles County for either the complete Phase II Study or a modified Phase II Study.

Staff announced that there are two options available:

1. "no cost option" except recruiting.
2. Range of \$30,000-\$50,000 for formal quote.

Mayor Capoccia questioned Item 1i – no cost option. All City Council agreed.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that the City Council wants to get all information before we take action and have costs.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that we take very seriously the input from the public. We had 20 to 1 to keep our Police Department. We must pass the U.U.T to continue. The responsible thing is to put all options on the table – the vote will count. We want our Police Department, but residents must fund.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated that this is information gathering only, we are under no obligation to go with the Sheriff's Department. We want detailed information to move forward.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi moved and it was seconded by Council Member Denise Delmar, for approval of the Consent Calendar as recommended by staff, with changes to Resolution No. 15-67. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

2). MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 15-03 (MCTA 15-03) – ORDINANCE NO. 1368 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.22 – SECOND UNITS

Vincent Gonzalez, Planning & Community Preservation Director, gave the staff report.

The City Council will consider Ordinance No. 1368, amending Chapter 17.22 of the Municipal Code to revise various zoning standards related to Second Units, including the removal of the minimum allowable floor area of second units, and the reduction of the maximum height of single-story detached second units. The amendment also adds a side yard setback requirement for the secondary frontage of reverse corner lots, removes the requirement that new second units are only allowed on those residential lots that conform with all existing residential zoning standards, adds the requirement of a conditional use permit for the construction of a new second story unit, and adds a health and safety inspection requirement for the conversion of existing structures to second units.

The purpose of the proposed revisions is 1) to further an objective of the City's 2014-2021 Housing Element to encourage and facilitate the production of second units in order to meet the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation; and 2) to protect the health and welfare of the City's residents

Alternatives:

1. Introduce and approve Ordinance No. 1368, for first reading by title only, and waive further reading.
2. Introduce and approve Ordinance No. 1368, for first reading by title only, and waive further reading, as amended by the City Council.
3. Direct staff to modify Ordinance No. 1368 for further consideration.

Staff recommends Alternative #1, introduce and approve Ordinance No. 1368, for first reading by title only, and waive further reading.

Council Member, John Harabedian, questioned staff if the side yard setback will be easier or harder to get "grannie flats"?

Mr. Gonzalez noted that the existing conditions and corner lots are being addressed.

City Manager Aguilar noted that we are only talking about reverse corner lots.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, questioned the CUP requirement to add second story – 800 sq. ft. maximum building. Why these standards?

Mr. Gonzalez stated "Maintain consistency".

Council Member, Denise Delmar, noted that the Planning Commission discussed thoroughly and approved of the change.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline stated that she is happy with the Planning Commission's reviewing the codes. I support the changes.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input. The Mayor asked Council Member Arizmendi if she had any questions?

Council Member Arizmendi stated that she would have jumped in if she did. She supports the Planning Commission decision.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated that he likes it — lots of second units are not done right. I like the whole approach. The CUP is unreasonable. I would like to see that language struck.

Council Member, Denise Delmar stated that she is fine with the language the way it is.

Council Member, John Harabedian, stated that he is struggling with the 25 ft. setback. Mayor Pro Tem Goss doesn't like the CUP requirement. I can support to be consistent as written. Can we change detached vs. attached? Do we need CUP when it is attached?

City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith, remarked that the concern was a configuration of single story home and garage — if you build over the garage. We wanted consistency throughout the code.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that he supports it the way it is. I am very hesitant to modify now. I am in favor as is.

Council Member Arizmendi had no comment.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated that he wants the public to be aware — we are moving forward with aesthetic quality of homes in Sierra Madre. I am just concerned about the needs of the residents. I want to maintain consistency. I would love to see it reconsidered in the future.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, moved and it was seconded by Council Member, John Harabedian, for approval of Alternative No. 1 "Introduce and approve Ordinance No. 1368 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.22 SECOND UNITS" for first reading by title only, and waive further reading. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

3). UTILITY USER TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FYE JUNE 30, 2014

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager, noted that Paul Savoie is present this evening to give the staff report.

Paul Savoie, Chair, gave the Committee's findings as approved by UUT Oversight Committee October 28, 2015:

The Utility Users Tax Oversight Committee ("UUT Committee") was formed to "...review and make recommendations concerning the audit and appropriate expenditure of the [Utility Users Tax (the "UUT")] funds collected and/or remitted..." , pursuant to a ballot measure ("Measure U") approved by the voters on April 8, 2008 wherein the citizens of the City of Sierra Madre approved certain increases in the UUT, in addition to the passage of Measure U, the voters also approved Measure UA, the UUT Advisory Measure, which stated, "...the additional revenue generated by...[the] increase [should] be used to fund public safety services including paramedic programs, police salaries and benefits and additional safety staffing."

The UUT applies to all utilities provided in the city including electricity, communications, water/sewer, gas, cable land trash. The City Manager is designated as the "tax administrator" and is responsible for the administration and collection of the tax.

Regarding the composition of the committee, the UUT ordinance states that "A six member citizen oversight committee is hereby established, to be comprised of the City Treasurer, plus five members of the public, with each councilmember making one appointment.

The UUT Committee conducted its work through the course of four meetings, commencing July 8, 2015 and concluding October 28, 2015, initial training for committee members included a presentation from City Manager Aguilar on the requirements imposed on citizen committees by the Brown Act and from Finance Director Medina on government accounting standards. Over the course of two, subsequent meetings, members of the committee conducted a careful review and discussion of the City's audited financial information. Based on this review and discussion, the committee requested additional documentation and information from city staff, including utility user taxes received by payee, as well as information concerning the UUT low income exemption rules and process.

The committee also carried out a substantial review and discussion of the detailed expenditure reports for city police, fire and paramedic operations. In addition to hard-copy documentation of public safety expenditures, committee members received information on specific expenditure categories and items from Public Safety Director/Chief Giannone and Fire Chief Heydorff, as well as from City Manager Aguilar, Assistant City Manager Cox and finance Director Medina during the August 25 meeting. UUT Committee members asked many questions regarding individual expenditures reflected in the detailed accounting reports.

Documents Reviewed:

- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, City of Sierra Madre, California, for the Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2014.
- Annual Budget, City of Sierra Madre, California, FY 2015-2016.
- Utility Users Tax Ordinance (Ord. No. 1275 Section 1, 4-8-08
- Utility Users Tax City Council Agenda Report, City of Sierra Madre, 1-26-2010.
- Utility Users Tax Exemption Memorandum & Annual Application Form
- Sample Ballot, City of Sierra Madre, 4-8-08/
- Changes in Funds Balances of governmental Funds, City of Sierra Madre, FY 2006-2014.
- Account Detail Report, City of Sierra Madre Fire Services, Date Range 7-01-2013-6-30-2014.
- Account Detail Report, City of Sierra Madre Paramedic Services, Date Range 7-01-2013-6-30-2014.
- Account Detail Report, City of Sierra Madre Police Department, Date Range 7-01-2013-6-30-2014.

Financial Summary:

Attachment 1 of this report, labeled Financial Summary, reflects the actual operating results for UUT revenue, as well as police, fire and paramedic Oservices' expenses for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 through June 30, 2014. The results do not include any cost of living, inflation or other adjustments. The fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 is considered a base year when comparing UUT revenue and public safety expenditures for subsequent years.

Committee Recommendations:

Shortly after the creation of this year's UUT Committee, the City Council requested that all committee members also serve on a separate, Revenue Committee, which was charged with making specific recommendations to the Council regarding future revenue sources for the City. The Revenue Committee report with its recommendations was presented to the Council at its September 22, 2015 meeting. For this reason, no recommendations are included in this report.

The members of the UUT Committee express their sincere gratitude to all City staff members who provided us with information, explanation, or logistical support during the course of our work, including City Manager Aguilar, Finance Director Median, Assistant City Manager Cox, Assistant to the City Manager Aguilar, Public Safety Director/Chief Giannone and Fire Chief Heydorff. We very much appreciate their timeliness, professionalism and good humor.

The City Council appointed the following members:

Paul Savoie, Patrick Holland, Edward Garcia, Barry Gold and Daker Staggs

The City Manager remarked that the 2008 Ordinance requires that the Oversight Committee review funds expended.

Mayor, John Capoccia, noted that there was \$1.9M in expenditures and \$1.3M collected. The original UUT did not cover all expenses.

Council Member, John Harabedian, thanked the Chair and committee for their help.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, also thanked the Oversight Committee for their input and help.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline remarked that she likes to hear the figures quoted by Mayor Capoccia. With a 10% UUT we are okay where we are now. We are looking at as good budget.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi remarked that she had no questions. Thank you committee for your work. It was alarming to see the additional Fire Department expense.

Mayor Capoccia noted that this is a "receive and file" agenda item.

4). STRATEGIC PLAN FROM OCTOBER 20, 2015 RETREAT

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager, gave the staff report.

Staff is requesting approval of the Strategic Plan's Goals and Objectives as discussed at the October 20, 2015 Strategic Planning Retreat.

The City of Sierra Madre's elected leaders and management staff have met and participated in a Strategic Planning process since November of 2006. The most recent session was held on October 20, 2015 at the Youth Activity Center. The retreat was a noticed public meeting that was held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As provided in the Brown Act, the agenda for this meeting was posted outside City Hall, on the City's website, and at the Youth Activity Center.

Participants of the planning session included members of the City Council, the City Manager, Deity Department Heads, and members of the public. The workshop included a review of the progress that was made on the previously adopted Strategic Plan Objectives. A summary spreadsheet document is included with this report as Attachment A: "City of Sierra Madre – Strategic Objectives: October 20, 2015 – April 1, 2016."

This retreat also produced updated and new 3-year goals in order to reflect the current challenges and opportunities that the City Council will address into 2018.

Staff recommended approval of the Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives as discussed at the October 20, 2015 Strategic Planning Retreat.

Mayor Capoccia remarked that water is important to us. We need to address the quality of water. It is important to the City Council. The town wants quality of water we had. Communicating with the public is important. We failed to address the in-depth issues. We need to do a better job on community outreach and engaging our residents.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

De Alcorn, E. Grand View

Mr. Alcorn attended the session and he wanted to commend all present at the session for addressing the problems.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated that he was a very productive meeting. I came out of the meeting hopeful. We need to set priorities and educate the public.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, moved and it was seconded by Council Member, John Harabedian for approval of the Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives as discussed at the October 20, 2015 Strategic Planning Retreat. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

5). CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING UTILITY USERS TAX ADVISORY MEASURE AT THE
APRIL 12, 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager, gave the staff report.

In July, the City Council created three special committees to provide input into the City's current deficit budget situation. The Council created a committee to evaluate contracting police services, another committee is evaluating contracting library services, and the third committee was tasked with evaluating the City's current general fund revenue options.

The Revenue Committee completed their assignment which formed the basis of the City Council's discussion regarding a Utility Users Tax (UUT) Measure. At the October 13, 2015 City Council meeting, the Council directed staff to bring back a draft Utility Users Tax (UUT) ordinance for a ballot measure on the April 12, 2016 Municipal Election. At the October 27th meeting, the Council reviewed a draft ordinance and directed that an item be placed on tonight's agenda to continue discussion regarding whether an advisory measure should be placed on the April ballot.

Draft UUT Ordinance

The City Council has agreed on a draft ordinance to amend Section 3.36.180 (Utility Users Tax Rate), 3.36.2130 (Oversight Committee), and 3.36.200 (Exemptions) of the municipal code. The ordinance incorporates the City Council's direction for a 10% Utility Users Tax rate beginning July 1, 2016, no sunset clause, discontinuance of the citizens' Oversight Committee, and a UUT exemption for Very Low and Extremely Low Income households.

Advisory Measure

The City Council directed that an item be placed on tonight's agenda to further discuss whether an advisory measure(s) should accompany the UUT Ordinance on the April 12, 2016 Municipal Election. If so, staff would need direction on what "yes or no" question(s) the Council would like to ask. At the previous meeting, suggestions from a Council Member included "Should the City outsource the Police Department?" and "Should the City outsource Library Services?"

Items Returning to Future Agendas:

Public Education and Information

Develop a Budget Based Upon a 6% UUT Rate

The current Fiscal Year Budget projects a \$530,000 deficit with a 8% UUT rate, while the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is estimated to have a \$995,000 deficit with a 6% UUT rate. If a 10% UUT Measure passes, the budget would reflect an estimated surplus of \$70,000 for FY 16-17, and a deficit of \$300,000 in FY 17-18, keeping all other FY 15-16 revenues unchanged and expenditures increasing by a modest 4%.

Alternatives:

- 1). The City Council may provide direction to staff regarding an advisory measure to accompany the UUT Ordinance on the April 12, 2016 Municipal Election.
- 2). The City Council may request additional information and direct staff to continue this item to a future agenda for continued discussion.
- 3). The City Council could receive and file this report.

Staff is recommending that the City Council provide staff with direction.

Mayor, John Capoccia, asked the City Council: "Do we want an advisory measure on the ballot?" The Mayor followed by opening up for public input and there was none.

Council Member, John Harabedian, remarked that he was the only one that thought it was a good idea, but keep it simple – "If UUT doesn't pass...."; If measure doesn't pass, what should we do? Maybe the city won't have a choice. If the UUT doesn't pass, should we outsource the Police Department?

Mayor, John Capoccia, remarked that maybe we could ask in a general way – "If the UUT Measure doesn't pass, are you in favor of outsourcing one or more departments – Police, Fire, Library, etc."

Council Member, Denise Delmar stated, "so you pose the question – if the UUT doesn't pass, are you in favor of outsourcing and what if the answer is 100% NO? That is the problem with an Advisory Measure. We can't make decisions on emotions – that is what we are doing. We need to address a long-term revenue poll. A 10% UUT will only keep services the way they are now and until we can come up with something else, we can educate up front. We need a 10% UUT now and look for other revenues.

Council Member, John Harabedian, stated that there is a choice if UUT doesn't pass – we could shut down the Library, Community Services, cutbacks – we do have options, and none of them are good.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, remarked that she was hoping to have Advisory Measure, but there is the possibility of confusion – maybe we should not consider.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, also remarked that it could be dangerous – it might confuse the people. The residents know what we are up against. We must be clear.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that we are coming up with a 6% UUT budget. This is what will happen. The UUT is lifeline.

Mayor Capoccia feels the City Council has done a good job of getting the word out. Keep it simple – vote on UUT only.

6). DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

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

This item was carried over from the October 27, 2015 meeting, and has been updated with information from the County Registrar-Recorder. Council Member, John Harabedian, has requested that the Council discuss the consolidation of the City's Municipal election with the County, concurrent with a state or federal election. Some cities have consolidated their elections with state or federal elections, which means the elections are consolidated with the County. Currently City elections are held in April of even numbered years.

Sierra Madre currently conducts elections in April of even numbered years. It is possible to consolidate the municipal election with either state or federal elections, and Los Angeles County (the County Elections Department) would handle the election process, canvass returns, and essentially handle the election as one election with only one form of ballot, etc. Changing the date of the election is authorized under Section 1301 and 10403.5 of the California Elections Code.

The estimated cost of the City administered election for FY 2015-2016 is \$51,000.

Staff obtained a preliminary cost estimate of a County consolidated election based upon cities with similar characteristics to Sierra Madre (San Marino and Rancho Palos Verdes). The estimate is in the \$35,000 range. The City Clerk's responsibilities resulted in the reduction of workload. The City Clerk's responsibilities became more administrative in nature, in that the Clerk prepares the election resolutions, prepares candidate packets; issues nomination papers, receives and files the nominations papers and processes the FPPC filings.

Staff recommends that the City Council provide staff with direction.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, noted that she thinks we should not change anything now. When I did the pros and cons – it was equal.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, had no questions.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public comment.

Pat Alcorn, E. Grand View

Ms. Alcorn stated that she will take the plus factor first:

- 1). Taking a rough estimate of the costs from the staff report, it looks like there would be at the most a \$25,000 savings.
- 2). It has been said there would be an increase of voter participation.

Now the minus side:

- 1). According to the L. A. Times on Sunday, there was a State record low voter turnout in 2014. That resulted in a low number of voter signatures needed to qualify for an initiative for the November ballot.
- 2). There will be from 15-19 measures to qualify for the November 2016 ballot.
- 3). You all have gone through the grueling process of campaigning for Council. Imagine what it would be like to have a campaign in competition with County, State and/or Federal candidates:

- It will be harder to raise money for your campaign.
- It will be more difficult to get campaign material that resonates with local voters who are getting postcards, phone calls and visitors at their door for each local, state, federal candidate measure, measure, etc.
- It will be more difficult to educate voters regarding measures proposed for our local election.

How many times have you heard at each budget or council meeting for the past two years, citizens say, “How come we haven’t heard about this before? Multiply this times ten if there are also another 15 or so measures on the ballot.

If we change this election cycle now, can the City survive at a 6% UUT until the November 2016 election takes effect? IF and a big IF the voters approve the 10% UUT proposed in November, how long before it takes effect?

- Last, but not least, yes, the City would save about \$25,000 and yes, there will be more turnout then if we had our own election, but in my 42 plus years as a poll worker in State, Federal, School and recently City Elections, I have found that most voters come for a specific purpose in the fall elections – elect a governor, or president, etc. I can tell you that at each election we have voters who say that they didn't vote for the propositions, or the judges, because it's too confusing, or they don't have any information. Sometimes the voters pick up the sample ballot and read parts of it while waiting to vote.

I had a voter who was standing in line to vote during Richard Nixon's re-election, who heard that Nixon had been declared the winner. He said "Hell, what am I doing here, I could be home eating dinner." I convinced him to stay arguing that there were other things on the ballot.

I understand cities may be mandated to merge with the County in the future. So, I fully recommend that you do not consider consolidating our elections with the County until forced to do so by the County. Let's keep our local control as long as possible.

Thank you.

Culley Eaby

Mr. Eaby stated that the lady that just spoke was very good. It is better to have City elections. Educate the residents. People don't like to pay taxes. We don't want on property taxes. I have been educated tonight. I enjoyed the meeting tonight.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline asked the City Council to wait until mandated in the future. I would like to see the City Clerk updated on how to run National elections.

Barry Gold, Ramona Avenue

Mr. Gold stated that what Ms. Alcorn said was right on. Our City Council elections on the State ballot – it would be totally lost. Our elections should be ours.

Melissa Thew, N. Baldwin

"I second that".

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, stated that there could be a cost savings, but the comments mentioned tonight re. State elections, it is really important for us to stay focused on current issues. To preserve our local issues and candidates, keep as is and not consolidate.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated, "Can you imagine how many lawn signs we would have?" There may be a cost savings, but I would like to keep the things the way they are now.

Council Member, John Harabedian, stated that a few residents wanted to consider consolidation. I like what I heard tonight. We might get more voter turnout. Our own election is nice. It doesn't make sense to consolidate now.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated that this is a democracy. The inevitable consolidation is coming. This is not the time to move now.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that he believes it is a privilege to vote. Our turnout is low. We could do a better job of reaching out to voters. For all the reasons stated, let's hold off now. I appreciate Ms. Alcorn's comments. If UUT doesn't pass, we may consider.

City Clerk, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, noted that she is family oriented and Martin & Chapman Company are a family-oriented company, they provide the new legislation, the resolutions, forms and notices for the election. They go the extra mile. I can't speak highly enough about the service we receive from the Martin & Chapman Company.

7). PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

Dani Cullens, Community Services Manager, gave the staff report.

At the meeting on March 10, 2015, the City Council directed the Community Services Commission to evaluate different options for utilizing the Art in Public Places funds. At the Commission's September 21, 2015 meeting, the Commission approved the art project proposal they received from the sub-committee.

It is recommended that the City Council approve the commission's recommended program for the Art in Public Places funds, and appropriate \$44,000 to the Public Art Program and prioritize the project list.

The Sierra Madre Art in Public Places currently has a balance of \$57,714. The Committee created the following program and developed budget for a public arts program:

\$	9,000 Utility Boxes
	10,000 Downtown Mural
	10,000 Additional Park/Bus Benches Downtown
	5,000 Park Monument sign for Sierra Vista Park
	10,000 Permanent art piece in Kersting Court
\$	44,000

Balance remaining for future art projects or maintenance: \$13,714

Alternatives:

1. The City Council may approve the recommendations made by the Community services Commission and appropriate \$44,000 from the Art in Public Places Fund to support the Public Art Program and prioritize the project list.
2. The City Council may choose to explore different art project options to utilize the Art in Public Places funds.
3. The City Council may deny the utilization of the Art in Public Places Fund for the Public Art Program.
4. The City Council may request additional information.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, asked if the City Council could “pick and choose”?

Ms. Cullens stated that the Committee is recommending all items listed above.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi asked if there was a limited time?

The City Manager stated, “Ten years”.

Mayor Capoccia remarked that if the money is not spent, the City must give it back.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public comment.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline remarked that if the City has ten years to decide, maybe it would be nice to get input from the community. What about public art downtown or City Hall – it would be more permanent. We are artist’s colony. Frank Locatelli did a sign on Sierra Madre Blvd.

Pat Alcorn, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Alcorn stated that she is on the committee that explored alternatives – one at Taylor’s Market, Congregational Church – it sounded like a fun way to get artists involved. We can get grants too. As far as other projects, Kersting Court – it is up to the artist to decide what kind of art – i.e., bench, etc. Maybe refine more, but get started with an estimate

Culley Eaby

Mr. Eaby remarked that his mother owned a home on Ramona for 30 years. Sierra Madre was an art colony. There is an artist at Bean Town. Pre vent graffiti abuse. I support the Arts.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input portion.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated that this is tough. I am very subjective. I thought we were talking about sculptures. Painting utility boxes in Sierra Madre isn't appealing. We need to protect murals. I was thinking about something more permanent.

Council Member, John Harabedian, remarked that a mural has appeal to me. I don't love utility box. Sierra Vista Park might be nice. I like Kersting Court idea. I like benches.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, remarked that she is really surprised about utility boxes. It is not my preference. A bench and signage is good. Could we get approval for final design?

Mayor Capoccia stated that we are giving direction this evening.

Ms. Cullens remarked that the staff and committee is looking for direction, that would be helpful.

The City Manager stated that the ordinance requires final decision by City Council.

Elisa Cox, Assistant City Manager, noted that the ordinance may say City Council or designee. There is an approval process.

Council Member Arizmendi stated that she is fine giving direction to staff for proposal.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that a utility box is odd – downtown mural is good. It needs to be graffiti proof. I want suggestions and public vote on this item. Sign at Sierra Vista Park is good.

Mayor Capoccia asked if the money could be spent for a sign?

Ms. Cox stated that it should be as functional art piece.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that he was looking for a permanent piece. A mural is fine. Let's focus on one thing now – a substantial piece of art would cost more than \$10,000. Let's give direction to put out an RFP for artists and open up to broad range of artists. We have a rich tradition in town. Artists do research. Come up with something that captures our town. A mural lasts a long time. Let's focus on something that defines Sierra Madre. Let's ask accomplished artists would they would do in Kersting Court.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, agreed that Kersting Court is a good spot.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Pat Alcorn, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Alcorn remarked that if an artist wanted to do a piece, leave it up to the discretion of the artist – Kersting Court should be focal point. Renaissance Plaza has a nice piece.

The City Manager asked the City Council if they would like to specify historical feel, Sierra Madre's history and traditions, and see what you get?

Mayor Capoccia stated that we should not exceed the total budget.

Council Member, Denise Delmar stated "no metal sticks or poles!!"

City Manager Aguilar stated that staff will go back and develop RFP proposal, advertise and bring back to the City Council.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Capoccia asked that the following be agendized:

- 1). Mt. Trail and Highland – stop sign discussion.
- 2). Letters regarding Post Office and Veteran's Health Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi for approval of adjournment at 9:38 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

Minutes taken and typed by:



Nancy Sue Shollenberger
City Clerk



John Capoccia, Mayor of Sierra Madre