

MINUTES

Agenda - Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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

Present: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar, Council Members Gene Goss, John Capoccia, and John Harabedian.
Absent: None
Also, Present: Gabe Engeland, City Manager
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney
Marcie Medina, Assistant City Manager
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works
Jose Reynoso, Utility Services Director
Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief
Richard Snyder, Fire Captain
Joe Ortiz, Police Chief
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Miguel Hernandez, HR Manager
Ryan Baker, Director of Library and Community Services
Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk
Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Council Member Gene Goss, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and honored the upcoming Fourth of July Holiday by reading the first part of the Declaration of Independence.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA BY MAYOR ARIZMENDI TO MOVE DISCUSSION ITEM 5, CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION, TO BE DISCUSSED BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 13, 2017 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2017:

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 1) Council Member John Harabedian had nothing to report.
- 2) Mayor Pro Tem Delmar enjoyed a nice breakfast with Senator Portantino.

- 3) Council Member Goss also enjoyed the breakfast with Senator Potantino. Council Member Goss represented Council at St. Rita Parish at the retirement of Randy and Barbara Davis who have been teachers at St. Rita School for many years. The Village Vine will video the Fourth of July Parade on villagevine.net
- 4) Council Member Capoccia reported the Historical Society had their annual Ravioli and Chicken Dinner that was fantastic and had a great turn out. He also attended the Friends of the Library annual meeting.
- 5) Mayor Arizmendi reported she enjoyed the Friends of the Library annual meeting and attended the Sanitation District meeting as a newer member. The Mayor encouraged all residents to participate in the many activities going on this summer in Sierra Madre.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTATIONS:

- City Council recognized our newest Eagle Scout, Axel Tanner. He was honored by Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi.
- Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi and Council recognized retiring City employee, Daniel Rodriguez.
- City Council recognized several members of the Sierra Madre Police Department for their brave and professional assistance with a motorcycle collision on HWY 154. Honored were Sergeant Charles Kamchamnan, Cadet Augustin Aguirre, Volunteers Richard Mays, Stephanie Coyne, and Shinji Nakagawa.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

* Gabriel Engeland, City Manager, gave the following report under the Consent Calendar.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-32 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-32 for approval of payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of \$281,172.71; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$6,853.93, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$283,364.28 for fiscal year ending June 2017.

b) NOTICE OF COMPLETION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT SIERRA VISTA AND MEMORAL PARKS

Recommendation that the City Council amend the budget and accept the improvements to the City and direct staff to issue a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office.

c) DECLARATION OF CITY-OWNED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE SURPLUSED

Recommendation that the vehicles listed in Attachment "A" of the report be declared as surplus by the City Council and dispose of those vehicles pursuant to SMMC 3.08.020.

d) CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT TO VACANT COMMISSIONER SEATS

Recommendation that the City Council reappoint those Commissioners/Board Members seeking a second term and direct City staff to solicit applications for those Commissions with vacancies.

e) CANCELLATION OF AUGUST 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recommendation that the city Council approve the cancellation of both regular City Council meetings in August and direct City staff to pay all necessary expenses during that time.

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public comment but none was given.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

Seconded: Council Member John Capoccia

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

AMENDED ITEM NO. 5 FOR DISCUSSION:

5. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction.

* Ryan Baker, Director of Library and Community Services, presented the three candidates: Patrick Holland, Anita Thompson, and Lani Ridley.

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public comment.

- Suzanne Decker advocates for Anita Thompson.
- Joanne Williams wants a man on the Commission.

Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment.

After discussion, general consensus was to appoint Anita Thompson and Patrick Holland to the Senior Community Commission.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT ANITA THOMPSON AND PATRICK HOLLAND TO THE SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION:

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

Seconded: Council Member Gene Goss

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. 2017-2018 ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS - PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION OF CONFIRMATION 17-31 AND 17-33

* Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works, presented with Kev Tcharkhoutian, City Engineer.

Recommendation that the City Council open a Public Hearing, take public comments and consider:

1) The same level of assessment with no increases

2) Adoption of Resolution of Confirmation 17-31 approving charges for

a. Lighting District Zone A

- b. Lighting District Zone B
- c. Santa Anita Lighting District No 1

3) Adoption of Resolution of Confirmation 17-33 approving the charges for

- a. Central Business District Landscaping Maintenance (District 3)
- b. Central Business Parking (District 5)
- c. Community Facilities, One Carter (District 1)
- d. Bonita Sewer District
- e. Mira Monte Sewer District

4) Direct staff to initiate a feasibility study for the potential consolidation of Districts 3,5, Zone A, and Zone B (Downtown Landscaping, Parking, Lighting Districts)

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public hearing but none was given.

* City Council directed staff to initiate a feasibility study for the potential consolidation of Districts 3, 5, Zone A, and Zone B (Downtown Landscaping, Parking, and Lighting Districts).

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS 17-31 AND 17-33:

Moved: Council Member John Capoccia

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1388 MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 17- 03 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.10 – MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND DISPENSARIES

Recommendation that the City Council open a Public Hearing, take public comments, and consider adoption of Municipal Code Text Amendment 17-03, amending Chapter 17.10 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code, regulating personal marijuana uses and prohibiting commercial marijuana uses, whether for medical or non- medical purposes pursuant to Ordinance 1388.

* Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation, presented.

** City Manager, Gabe Engeland, asked to move this item to the July 11th meeting to research further and for Staff to bring back a recommendation at that time.

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public hearing.

- Steve McCamman, expert in medical marijuana delivery services, does not agree with amending single delivery with tax.
- Julianna Jenkins asked what the difference between outside and inside growing.
- Katherine Jenkins added that marijuana is already a business.

- Bob Spears reported that the Code Enforcement Officer takes care of violation of the six-plant limit to grow and not the Police Department.

Mayor Arizmendi closed public hearing.

4. MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 17- 04 (MCTA 17-04) AMENDING CHAPTER 17.08 DEFINITIONS, CHAPTER 17.20 - R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, CHAPTER 17.28 - R-3 MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, CHAPTER 17.30 - R-C RESIDENTIAL CANYON ZONE, CHAPTER 17.60 - VARIANCES AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, AND CHAPTER 17.72 - SIGNS, AND DELETING CHAPTER 17.76 - CONDOMINIUM AND APARTMENT PROJECTS

Recommendation that the City Council open a Public Hearing, take public comments, and consider adoption of Municipal Code Text Amendment 17-04, pursuant to City Council Ordinance 1389.

* Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation, presented.

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public hearing.

- John Hutt, Planning Commissioner, clarified more on the MCTA 17-04.
- Gina Frierman-Hunt, Planning Commissioner, stated the name can be changed if it does not suit, and encouraged the importance of multiple-family residential zone while discouraging huge mansions.
- Bob Spears, Planning Commissioner, provided further insight into MCTA 17-04.

Mayor Arizmendi closed public hearing.

* Staff was given direction by Council to put on the agenda if we are charging too much for the design review and/or can we subsidize the cost of service or can we give incentives. After some research, Staff can come back to Council. Council had the general consensus that we want property owners to enhance their property and our neighborhood.

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Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

Seconded: Council Member John Capoccia

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

6. HYDRAULIC AND CIP ANALYSIS RESULTS AND COST FOR PIPELINE PROJECTS

Recommendation that the City Council receive and file

* Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works, introduced Paul Hauffen with ID Modeling who presented along with Steve Bucknam.

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public comment but none was given.

* City Council received and filed.

ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Staff was given direction earlier by Council to research and agendize if we are charging too much for design review and/or can we subsidize the cost of service or can we give incentives.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:18 p.m. BY MAYOR RACHELLE ARIZMENDI IN HER FATHER'S HONOR WHO PASSED AWAY 8 YEARS AGO TODAY:

Moved: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi

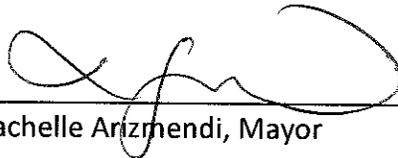
Seconded: Council Member John Harabedian

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

Noes: None

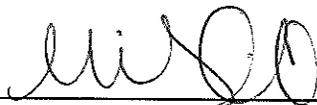
Absent: None

Abstain: None



Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor

Minutes taken and typed by:



Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk