

MINUTES

Agenda - Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority
Tuesday, February 28, 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: Gene Goss, Mayor, Rachele Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members, John Capoccia and John Harabedian.

Absent: Council Member Denise Delmar

Also, Present: Elaine Aguilar, Interim City Manager
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
Marcie Medina, Finance Director
Jose Reynoso, Interim Director of Public Works
Chris Cimino, Deputy Director of Public Works
Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief
Joe Ortiz, Interim Police Chief, Sierra Madre Police Department
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Ryan Baker, Director of Library and Community Services
Mike Amerio, City Treasurer
Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Mayor Pro Tem Rachele Arizmendi, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and read a quote by a Buddhist monk stating, *"Touching the present moment, we realize that the present is made of the past and is creating the future."*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS AMENDED:

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 1) Council Member John Harabedian had nothing to report.
- 2) Council Member John Capoccia attended the event at the elementary school with author Nathalia Holt who wrote, *Rise of the Rocket Girls*. The Library did a wonderful job and it was a very nice evening.
- 3) Council Member Denise Delmar had nothing to report.
- 4) Mayor Goss saw the Sierra Madre Middle School Basketball team play against Wilson at their home court and at the last-minute won. Go Hawks! Mayor also attended opening day for Little League for the tenth year in a row which is always a fantastic event.
- 5) Mayor Pro Tem Arizmendi reported she attended the Friends of the Library Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event which was a great turn out and great event.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Debbie Sheridan with Sierra Madre Civic Club 2017 Education Awards announced high school seniors who live, attend school, work or volunteer in Sierra Madre are encouraged to apply. For more information go to www.smcceducation@gmail.com.
- Shannon King with the Library Board of Trustees announced the theme for the Book Mark contest is *Why is Sierra Madre Super?* Please go to the Library, or the City's website, for more information regarding Sierra Madre Library events.
- Pat Acorn with Friends of the Library gave thanks to everyone who attended the Library's Wine and Cuisine Tasting Event which was a tremendous success despite the rain.

Mayor Goss closed public comment.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Chief Heydorff and Captain Greg Christmas presented The California Emergency Medical Services Authority Clinical Excellence Awards to:
 - * Paramedic Daniel Arellano
 - * Paramedic Phillip Tibbs
 - * Engineer Ted Walters
 - * Firefighter Ashot Kglyan (unable to attend this evening)
- Library and Community Services Director, Ryan Baker, presented a six-month update regarding the combined departments.
- Interim Public Works Director, Joe Reynoso, presented an update regarding water conservation and the City's Water Quality Report.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

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

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

a) **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-06 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS**

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-06 for approval of payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of \$512,304.08; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$5,323.84, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$294,217.20 for fiscal year ending June 2017.

b) **SECOND READING OF DISCRETIONARY DEMOLITION PERMIT ORDINANCE 1386, MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 16-05 AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.60.056, SECTION 15.04.115, SECTION 105.7, AND SECTION 15.52.060**

Recommendation that the City Council introduce and approve for second reading by title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance 1386 as amended by City Council and to designate the City Attorney to prepare a summary of Ordinance 1386 pursuant to Government Code Section 36933(c)(1).

c) **CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AND ASSOCIATED "POWER SITE" BENEFITS**

Recommendation that the City Council approve the City's membership in the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and allocate \$2,625 in General Fund Reserves.

Mayor Goss opened for public comment.

- Barbara Lee Cline commented regarding funds for art since Sierra Madre is known as an arts community.

Mayor Goss closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED:

Moved: Council Member John Capoccia

Seconded: Council Member John Harabedian

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Denise Delmar

Abstain: None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2. RESOLUTION 17-07 IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 287

Recommendation that the City Council approve and adopt Resolution 17-07 in support of California Assembly Bill 287 establishing the I-710 Gap Corridor Transit Study Zone Advisory Committee and excluding implementation of a freeway tunnel.

*Presented by James Carlson, Management Analyst.

Mayor Goss opened for public comment but no input was given.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 17-07 IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 287:

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi

Seconded: Council Member John Capoccia

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Denise Delmar

Abstain: None

3. FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW – SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 17-08: ADOPTING THE MID YEAR BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS PROJECTED

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-08 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Mid-Year Budget and appropriating the amounts projected.

*Presented by Marcie Medina, Finance Director.

Mayor Goss opened for public comment.

- Dee Alcorn: We have quite a few water repairs. What is the condition of our sewage system?

- City Manager answered Mr. Alcorn stating that our sewage system is in much better condition than our water system. Director Cimino further clarified that the sewage system is not under pressure and therefore last longer.

Mayor Goss closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 17-08 ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 MID-YEAR BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS PROJECTED:

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Denise Delmar

Abstain: None

4. PRESENTATION OF LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES FINANCIAL DIAGNOSTIC TOOL RESULTS

Recommendation that the City Council receive and file.

*Presented by Marcie Medina, Finance Director.

Mayor Goss opened for public comment.

- Glenn Lambdin commented is concerned with the yellows that might turn red and not green. How can we prevent that and prepare ahead? We can't rely on all the water penalties being there in the future. We are in a financial crisis and the public needs to be made aware.

Mayor Goss closed public comment.

*City Council received and filed.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LONG- TERM STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction.

*Presented by Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief.

Mayor Goss opened for public comment.

- Glenn Lambdin, Public Safety Committee Chair, stated that something must be done to avoid putting the community at risk. The public safety needs to be funded before anything and needs to be top priority.
- Barbara Lee Cline, resident, commented about the funding and the current UUT. Agrees that public safety should be funded above everything else. Part of the UUT should be for public safety as originally planned.

Mayor Goss closed public comment.

*City Council gave direction to staff to collect additional data in order to have a stronger

foundation to figure out how to move forward. Please show the calculations behind the estimates and return with revenue alternatives such as from LA County, Pasadena and Arcadia. It is clear we cannot continue in the way it is currently structured and need solutions.

NO ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDA

**IN HONOR OF OUT-GOING CITY MANAGER, ELAINE AGUILAR, CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 9:44 p.m.**

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Denise Delmar

Abstain: None



Gene Goss, Mayor

Minutes taken and typed by:



Melinda Carrillo
City Clerk