



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

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - 5:30 pm

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

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MOST CURRENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting; As an alternative, public comment may be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting, filed into public record and scanned onto the City website for public review.

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

CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of a City Council meeting is to conduct City business. Members of the public that behave in a manner that interrupts or obstructs the Council's ability to conduct City business may be asked to leave the meeting. Any and all demonstrations which disrupt, interrupt, or obstruct the Council's ability to conduct City business are prohibited. No signs, posters or other large objects shall be brought into the Council Chambers or other meeting place if doing so would disrupt, disturb or otherwise impede the orderly course of the meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. City Clerk Aguilar called the roll:

Present: Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Kriebs, and Council Members Goss, Lowe, and Parkhurst

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jose Reynoso, City Manager
Aleks Giragosian, City Attorney
Miguel Hernandez, Assistant City Manager
Laura Aguilar, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
Arnulfo Yanez, Deputy Director of Public Works
Hillary Guirola-Leon, Finance Director
Leila Regan, City Librarian
Clare Lin, Planning Manager
Henry Amos, Police Captain
Brent Bartlett, Fire Chief
Chris Cimino, Public Works Director

Also Present: Senior Community Commission Chair Patricia Krok
Senior Community Commissioner Marlene Enmark
Senior Community Commissioner Patrick Holland
Senior Community Commissioner Jacquie Pergola
Senior Community Commissioner Anita Thompson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION

Council Member Kristine Lowe led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance and provided a background on the tradition of Halloween, as well as the significance of the changing of seasons.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Vote of the City Council to proceed with City business.

Council Member Parkhurst made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Lowe.

Mayor Garcia called for a vote of the Council:

- Ayes: Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Kriebs and Council Members Goss, Lowe, Parkhurst
- Noes: None.
- Absent: None
- Abstain: None.

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all Council Members in attendance.

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 Garcia asked for a motion.

A motion to approve the reading of resolutions and ordinances by title only, and waive further reading, was made by Council Member Goss.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kriebs.

Mayor Garcia called for a vote of the Council.

- Ayes: Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Kriebs and Council Members Goss, Lowe, 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 by all Council Members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

Approval of October 10, 2023, City Council Regular meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Council Member Parkhurst.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kriebs.

Mayor Garcia called for a vote of the Council.

- Ayes: Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Kriebs and Council Members Goss, Lowe, and Parkhurst
- Noes: None.
- Absent: None.
- Abstain: None.

The motion to approve the minutes, as presented, was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Reporting of Council Members' activities related to City business:

Council Member Goss: reported that he attended the October 11 Transportation Sub-Committee meeting. The Committee spoke about appealing to MTA for the return of at least one bus line. Council Member Goss also reported that he attended a meeting of the Community Services Commission. The update there was that the Commission approved a 5-year MOU with the community sports

organizations for field use. He also reported that he attended the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address at the Elementary School, and lastly, he reported that he met with PUSD Trustee Fredericks to discuss after school youth programming at Sierra Madre Middle School's gymnasium.

Council Member Lowe: reported that she attended the Library's Pumpkin Smash event at the Sierra Madre Fire Department on October 12. The pumpkins were donated by Trader Joe's.; Council Member Lowe reported that she attended a meeting of the Planning Commission and also the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address on October 17.

Council Member Parkhurst: reported that he attended a meeting of the Clean Power Alliance. He also reported that he attended the Transportation Sub-Committee meeting, along with Council Member Goss. Council Member Parkhurst reported that he attended the reception honoring former Mayor Nancy Walsh and Legendary Bingo, supporting the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association.

Mayor Pro Tem Kriebs: reported that she attended a meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. The discussion there was on electric gardening equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Kriebs attended the Mayor's State of the City Address and served as the Facilitator of the meeting, introducing Mayor Garcia, and lastly, she reported that she visited the Library before it closed and is looking forward to the extra time to read the stack of books that she borrowed, until the temporary Library opens in December at its new location.

Mayor Garcia: reported that he attended the October 12 meeting of the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee. The main discussion there was homelessness. Mayor Garcia also attended the ribbon-cutting event for G.H. Wilke & Co. on October 20, the Rose Float Association's Legendary Bingo, and also the October 23 Library Board of Trustees meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Your participation is welcomed and invited at all City Council meetings. The council requests that participants refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks. A person who continues to disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting after being warned by the Mayor or designee to cease the disruption may be precluded from further participation in the meeting. No signs, posters or other large objects shall be brought into the Council Chambers or other meeting place if doing so would disrupt, disturb or otherwise impede the orderly course of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council will listen to the public on any item on the agenda. In addition, the Council will devote time for public comment on items not on the agenda. Addressing the City Council from the audience is not permitted; all comments addressing the Council must be made from the podium. Only public comment made from the podium will be recognized by the City Council and entered into public record.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Persons wishing to speak on any item on the agenda will be called during the comment period 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 provide public comments for items not 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.

COMMENTS

1. Any person wishing to provide public comment on matters not on the agenda, or during the comment period for items on the agenda is asked to complete a comment card. Please include your name and address. Each speaker will be limited to up to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated or deferred.
2. The City provides a podium for public comment. Comments addressed to the Council shall occur during the appropriate time on the agenda and should not be construed as an opportunity for dialogue. Each speaker will be limited to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated or deferred

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Garcia opened the meeting for public comment on non-agenda items

1. Frank Hogyi: announced the passing of his friend Brendon Geraughty
2. David Gordon, Sierra Madre Playhouse: announced upcoming performances
3. Fire Chief Bartlett: provided an update on the RAVE Emergency Notification Management System

City Clerk Aguilar advised that no e-mails had been received for non-agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO POSTAL CARRIER JOANN MENDIVIL FOR HEROIC ACTS. Presented to Ms. Mendivil by Mayor Garcia

PRESENTATION OF NANCY WALSH PLAQUE BY SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION.
Presented to the City Council by Senior Community Commission Chair Krok and Commissioners Enmark, Holland, Pergola, and Thompson

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE LIBRARY MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
Update presented by Acting Public Works Director Yanez and City Librarian Regan

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT

City Clerk Aguilar announced that Consent Item A listed the incorrect figures, but that the staff report and attached Resolution were correct. City Clerk Aguilar gave the following reports with the correct dollar amounts listed in Consent Item A: Consideration of Resolution 23-67 Approving Certain Demands:

a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 23-67 APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 23-67 approving payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$825,528.43; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$9,228.90; and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$494,754.43; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

b) AB 1600 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the AB 1600 Annual Compliance Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in accordance with California Government Code 66006.

c) CANCELLATION OF BOTH REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON NOVEMBER 28, 2023, AND DECEMBER 26, 2023

It is recommended that the City Council approve the cancellation of both regular City Council meetings on November 28, 2023, and December 26, 2023, respectively, and direct staff to pay all necessary expenses during that time.

d) CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO TESLA CHARGING STALLS

It is recommended that the City Council amend and approve the number of charging stalls from (12) twelve to (16) sixteen and authorize the City Manager to approve any changes to design specifications listed in items (c), (d), and Exhibit A.

Mayor Garcia brought the matter to the Council for questions.

Mayor Garcia opened the matter for public comment:

De Alcorn, Grandview: asked about the proposed Tesla charging stations.

City Clerk Aguilar advised that no e-mails had been received.

Seeing no, one else come forward, Mayor Garcia brought the matter back to Council for discussion or a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Kriebs motion to approve Consent Items A-D

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Garcia called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Edward Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Kriebs and Council Members Goss, Lowe, and Parkhurst

Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

The motion to approve Consent Items A-D was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

FUTURE ITEMS:

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Garcia asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Lowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

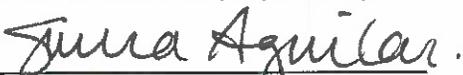
Council Member Goss seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm to a Regular meeting to be held on November 14, 2023.



Edward Garcia, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:



Laura Aguilar, City Clerk