



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

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - 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. Public comment may also 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.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Goss called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. City Clerk Aguilar called the roll.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jose Reynoso, City Manager
Miguel Hernandez, Assistant City Manager
Aleks Giragosian, City Attorney
Laura Aguilar, City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager
Brent Bartlett, Fire Chief
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Community and Preservation
Joshua Wolf, Associate Planner
Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works
Henry Amos, Police Captain
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Alondra Reynoso, Management Intern

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION

Council Member Kriebs led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced recognitions for various people including Chris Camino for the 4th of July Grand Marshall, Home Town Heroes Dan Bell, and Carol

Canterbury, Bob Spears as 2021 Citizen of the Year, George Maurer Award Winners Ward and Louise Calloway, and Mayor's Award winners Pat and De Alcorn.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Vote of the City Council to proceed with City business.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Council Member Arizmendi.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Parkhurst.

Mayor Goss called for a roll call vote of the Council:

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

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

APPROVAL FOR READING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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

Mayor Goss asked for a motion.

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

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approval of April 26, 2022, City Council regular meeting minutes.

Council Member Parkhurst moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 26, 2022, as presented.

Council Member Arizmendi seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

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

The motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of April 26, 2022, as presented.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Reporting of Council Members' activities related to City business.

Council Member Parkhurst: attended two meetings of the Clean Power Alliance, toured the contemplated project site at the Monastery, and also attended the annual Honor's Award Dinner.

Council Member Kriebs: attended the annual Honor's Award Dinner.

Council Member Arizmendi: attended the annual Honor's Award Dinner and also participated in a tour of the contemplated project site at the Monastery.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia: attended the Senior Community Commission. Announced that the Community Yard Sale has been scheduled for August 13, 2022, at 8:00 am in Memorial Park, the Senior Community Commission is sponsoring the community concert on July 10 with a performance by *The*

Alumnists; the Commission opted to celebrate all seniors in recognition of the Sierra Madre Older American Award and will hold a reception on June 15 at 4:30 at the Hart Park House; attended the annual General Assembly meeting for Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) where they voted on bylaws and selected the new board.

Mayor Goss: attended a meeting of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District; attended the annual Honor's Award Dinner, also took a tour of the contemplated project site at the Monastery, announced the Mt. Wilson Trail Race on May 28 with a pre-race pasta dinner scheduled for the night before the race. Lastly, Mayor Goss announced various vacancies on several commissions.

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 Goss opened the meeting for public comment on items not on the agenda.

Robert Buckner, Acacia Street: spoke of the harmful effects of climate change and encouraged the City Council to adopt a proclamation in support of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

Melanie Schimpf, Sierra Madre: spoke of the harmful effects of climate change and encouraged the City Council to adopt a proclamation in support of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

Robert Haw, Altadena: spoke of the harmful effects of climate change and encouraged the City Council to adopt a proclamation in support of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

Susan Neuhausen, 491 Grove Street: Spoke about the impacts of the severe drought on the proposed Meadows development project.

Alison Snow, 216 W. Carter: spoke of the harmful effects of climate change and encouraged the City Council to adopt a proclamation in support of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

Fire Administrative Assistant Nathalia Flores: Announced the upcoming Green Waste and Chipper Day event. Registration is available on-line.

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

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION BY MILES PRINCE ON PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE

Mr. Prince provided an update on the efforts and challenges of the PUSD Redistricting Task Force.

In response, the City Council directed staff to contact PUSD Board Member Tina Fredericks to invite her to a future meeting to provide the Council and residents with an update on how Sierra Madre is being represented at the school district.

ACTION ITEMS

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

CONSENT

- a) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-22 APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS**
It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 22-22 approving payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$555,030.23; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$3,694.70; and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$429,712.87; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
- b) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-23 ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017**
It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 22-23 designating certain streets to be included in the FY 2022-23 Street Rehabilitation Program.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion.

Mayor Goss opened the matter for public comment.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Goss asked if any e-mails had been received. City Clerk Aguilar advised that no e-mails had been received.

The Mayor brought the matter back to the Council for a motion to approve.

Council Member Kriebs made a motion to approve Consent Items a-b.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

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

The motion to approve Consent items a-b was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1 **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1454 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.08 (DEFINITIONS), CHAPTER 17.22 (SECOND UNITS), AND CHAPTER 17.28 (R-3 MEDIUM/HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE.**
It is recommended that the City Council introduce for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 1454, amending Chapter 17.08 (Definitions), Chapter 17.22 (Second Units), and Chapter 17.28 (R-3 Medium/High-Density Residential Zone) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

Associate Planner Wolf gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion. Council discussed the topic.

Mayor Goss opened the public hearing comment period.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Goss closed the public hearing and brought the matter back to the City Council for further discussion.

Mayor Goss asked for a motion.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1454 amending Chapter 17.08, Chapter 17.22, and Chapter 17.28 of Title 17 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

Council Member Kriebs seconded the motion

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

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

The motion to approve first reading of Ordinance was passed unanimously.

2 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1455 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.20 (R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE), CHAPTER 17.28 (R-3 MEDIUM/HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE), CHAPTER 17.40 (M MANUFACTURING ZONE), CHAPTER 17.48 (DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS), CHAPTER 17.52 (H HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT ZONE), AND CHAPTER 17.60 (VARIANCES AND DISCRETIONARY PERMITS) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE.

It is recommended that the City Council introduce for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 1455, amending Chapter 17.20 (R-1 One-Family Residential Zone), Chapter 17.28 (R-3 Medium/High-Density Residential Zone), Chapter 17.40 (Manufacturing Zone), Chapter 17.48 (Development Standards), Chapter 17.52 (H Hillside Management Zone), and Chapter 17.60 (Variances and Discretionary Permits) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

Associate Planner Wolf gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion. Council discussed the topic.

Mayor Goss opened the public hearing comment period.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Goss closed the public hearing and brought the matter back to the City Council for further discussion.

Mayor Goss asked for a motion.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to approve first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 1455, amending Chapter 17.20, Chapter 17.28, Chapter 17.40, Chapter 17.48, Chapter 17.52, and Chapter 17.60 of Title 17 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

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

The motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1455 was passed unanimously.

3 RESOLUTION 22-21 - FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TOWERPOINT CAPITAL, LLC, FOR AN EXTENSION OF LEASE AREA FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SITES ON CITY PROPERTY

It is recommended the City Council open a public hearing, receive comments from the public, and consider approving the request to execute the First Amendment to the Master Lease Agreement with Tower Point Capital, LLC for the expansion of the existing leased property for the wireless communication sites on City property at 612 East Sierra Madre Blvd., and adopt resolution 22-21 (Attachment A).

This item was continued to a date certain to allow for proper public notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, requiring two public hearing notices to be published.

DISCUSSION

1. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE No. 1457 AMENDING CHAPTER 8.06 (SMOKING) OF TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN MULTI-UNIT RESIDENCES

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

Management Intern Reynoso gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion. Council discussed the topic.

Mayor Goss opened public comment. City Clerk Aguilar called out names from the speaker cards.

Mary Monohan: left before public comment opened and did not speak at the podium, but did send an e-mail that was forwarded to the City Council in advance of the meeting.

Primo Castro, American Cancer Society Action Network: supports an ordinance to prevent smoking but does not support an ordinance that would evict a renter for smoking. Also asked Council to change the definition of multi-units from 5 units to 2 units.

Jacqueline Garay, Angelinos for Clean Air: supports an ordinance prohibiting smoking in multi-unit housing.

Andrea Rayas, Community Health Alliance: supports an ordinance prohibiting smoking in multi-unit housing.

Dr. Mary Doyle, Sierra Madre Blvd.: supports an ordinance prohibiting smoking in multi-unit housing; asked that the Council define multi-unit to a number less than 5; and define common areas broadly, addressing multi-unit housing adjacent properties.

John Doyle, Sierra Madre Blvd.: supports an ordinance prohibiting smoking in multi-unit housing; asked Council to set a hard deadline for no smoking, regardless of the length of time that a person has lived in the unit.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss asked City Clerk Aguilar if any e-mails had been received on this item. City Clerk Aguilar responded that three e-mails had been received from:

- Colette Monell in favor of an ordinance prohibiting smoking in multi-family housing
- Mary and Jeff Monohan in favor of an ordinance prohibiting smoking in multi-family housing
- The Rethinking Alcohol and Other Drugs Coalition in favor of an ordinance prohibiting smoking in multi-unit housing.

Mayor Goss closed public comment and brought the matter back to the City Council for further discussion.

The City Council provided staff with direction to return to a future meeting with a draft ordinance that addressed accessory dwelling units, reducing the number of multi-units from 5 to "more than 3 units", a specific date for compliance, defining common areas, and a phased-in approach.

8:06 – at this time Mayor Goss called for a brief recess.

8:17 – the City Council reconvened.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 1456 ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY THE SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is recommended that the City Council read Ordinance 1456, by title only, for first reading and direct staff to return to a future meeting for a second reading of Ordinance 1456.

Police Captain Amos gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion. Council discussed the topic.

Mayor Goss opened public comment.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Goss asked City Clerk Aguilar if any e-mails had been received on this item. City Clerk Aguilar responded that no e-mails had been received.

Mayor Goss closed public comment and brought the matter back to the City Council for further discussion.

Mayor Goss asked for a motion.

Council Member Kriebs made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1456, by title only.

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

The motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1456, by title only, was approved unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITIES OF ARCADIA, BRADBURY, DUARTE, MONROVIA, AND SIERRA MADRE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE RIO HONDO/SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Joint Powers Agreement among the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre for the purpose of creating the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Watershed Management Joint Powers Authority ("JPA").

Management Analyst Carlson gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion. Council discussed the topic.

Mayor Goss opened public comment.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Goss asked City Clerk Aguilar if any e-mails had been received on this item. City Clerk Aguilar responded that no e-mails had been received.

Mayor Goss closed public comment and brought the matter back to the City Council for further discussion.

Mayor Goss asked for a motion.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to adopt the Joint Powers Agreement among the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre for the purpose of creating the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Watershed Management Joint Powers Authority.

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

The motion to adopt the Joint Powers Agreement among the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, Monrovia, and Sierra Madre for the purpose of creating the Rio Hondo/San Gabriel River Watershed Management Joint Powers Authority was approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC NOTICING PROCESS FOR LAND USE DECISIONS

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.

City Attorney Giragosian, Associate Planner Wolf, and City Clerk Aguilar gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion. Council discussed the topic.

Mayor Goss opened the public comment period.

De Alcorn, Grandview: was impressed with the presentation and complimented staff for the work they put in to maintain transparency.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss closed the public hearing and brought the matter back to the City Council for further discussion.

FUTURE ITEMS:

Mayor Goss asked if any Council Member wished to add any items for future meetings.

Council Member Parkhurst asked for an update on the House of Representatives Bill regarding Climate Law and asked the Natural Resources Commission to evaluate the matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia asked for Pasadena Unified School Board Member Tina Fredericks to attend a future meeting to update the community on Sierra Madre representation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held on May 24, 2022.


Gene Goss, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:


Laura Aguilar, City Clerk