

MINUTES

Agenda - Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority
Tuesday, March 14, 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, Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members, Denise Delmar, John Capoccia and John Harabedian.

Absent: None

Also, Present: Gabe Engeland, 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
Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Council Member John Capoccia, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and guided us in a prayer for the transition of in-coming City Manager, Gabriel Engeland, and expressed gratitude for the outgoing City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, for all her hard work and dedication to our City and community. Council Member Capoccia asked for our City to continue to be blessed on the path ahead.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi

Seconded: Council Member Denise Delmar

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 1) Council Member John Capoccia attended the 626 Golden Streets Event which was a fun and a great success with hundreds of people in attendance.
- 2) Council Member Denisse Delmar attended the Wisteria Festival and enjoyed the time even though it was hot. There was lots of music and booths and fun for everyone.
- 3) Council Member John Harabedian had nothing to report.
- 4) Mayor Pro Tem Arizmendi congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for a successful Wisteria Festival. Mayor Pro Tem Arizmendi also attended the Employee Appreciation Event last week and congratulated those recognized.
- 5) Mayor Goss welcomed our new City Manager, Gabe Engeland and asked him to give a few words. The Mayor also recognized the recipient of the Woman of Distinction Award awarded to our Mayor Pro Tem, Rachelle Arizmendi.
- 6) City Manager, Dave Engeland, said he was excited to finally be here and get started. He has met many residents along the short time here.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Darlene Papa from Lifeline for Pets in Pasadena presented Naomi, a cat that is ready to be adopted. Anyone who would like to adopt Naomi or other cats and dogs from Lifeline for Pets, please get in touch with Darlene Papa at www.lifelineforpets.org.
- Bob Spears honored an outstanding City employee, Chiris Cimino, for his devoted work in this community.
- Rich Proctor, Member of the Library Board of Trustees, announced the on-going Book Mark contest and the deadline is March 31st. Open House at the Library will be on April 15th which will be a great friendly event. Please go to the Library, or the City's website, for more information regarding Sierra Madre Library events.

Mayor Goss closed public comment.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

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

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-10 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-10 for approval of payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of \$162,303.82; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$3,710.97, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$272,112.87 for fiscal year ending June 2017.

b) RECOMMENDATION TO DIRECT STAFF TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT SIERRA VISTA, MOUNT WILSON AND MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT FOR FY 2016-2017

Recommendation that the City Council direct staff to advertise for bids the FY 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant ADA Improvements at Sierra Vista, Mount Wilson, and Memorial Park.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED:

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi

Seconded: Council Member Denise Delmar

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

2. LIBRARY FACILITY MASTER PLAN

Recommendation that the City Council provide direction.

*Ryan Baker, Director of Library and Community Services, presented.

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

*Direction was given to staff by City Council and summarized by City Manager, Engeland. First, staff is going to research options for a meaningful improvement to the Library and look at different financial options and funding possibilities. Secondly, the City will prioritize and address the safety issues. After staff is ready to present concerning these issues, a joint meeting with Council, the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library may be scheduled and staff can make recommendations at that time.

City Council recessed at 8:02 and returned at 8:08 p.m.

3. ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Recommendation that the City Council receive and file

*Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief, and Interim Police Chief, Joe Ortiz, presented.

Mayor Goss opened for public comment.

- Barbara Lee Cline stated that we should get more info regarding what is going on with the Police Department and the Fire Department. Ms. Cline is happy that the communication is better than just a few years ago between residents and the Safety Departments. Public Safety is what is most important when the residents passed the UUT although it's part of the general fund. Thanks to the Fire and Police Departments.

Mayor Goss closed public comment.

*City Council received and filed.

NO ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:57 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, John Harabedian and Denise Delmar

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None



Gene Goss, Mayor

Minutes taken and typed by:



Melinda Carrillo
City Clerk