

MINUTES

Agenda - Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024
and
Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi via teleconference from Doubletree Suites
400 Soldier Field Road, Boston, MA

Mayor Pro Tem, Denise Delmar, opened the Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council, Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor Pro Tem asked for public comment and there was none, therefore the Mayor Pro Tem immediately recessed to closed session. The City Council returned from closed session at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk, Melinda Carrillo, read the roll, noting that all City Council members were present.

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
Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk
Mike Amerio, City Treasurer
Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Council Member John Harabedian, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11 that occurred sixteen years ago. He also asked for everyone to keep in mind the people of Florida and Texas affected by the recent storms and hurricanes.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney reported that there was no reportable action from closed session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

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 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON JUNE 27 AND JULY 11, 2017:

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON JULY 25, 2017:

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

Seconded: Council Member Gene Goss

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Council Member John Capoccia (absent on the date)

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 1) Council Member Goss had nothing to report.
- 2) Council Member Harabedian reported he attended a sister city delegation trip to Armenia with Pasadena and the group went to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the sister city relationship. A well worth trip, said Council Member Harabedian.
- 3) Council Member Capoccia had nothing to report.
- 4) Mayor Arizmendi had nothing to report.
- 5) Mayor Pro Tem Delmar attended the 9/11 remembrance yesterday at the Sierra Madre Fire Station. She attended the Water Forum along with Council member Capoccia.

MAYOR PRO TEM OPENED PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS BUT THERE WAS NONE.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Presentation in recognition of Sierra Madre Rotary Club Outgoing Board Members, Douglas Kerns, Peggy Beauregard, Joan Riback, Janice Kramer, Dr. Michael Budincich, and Vokouhi Hovagimian.
- Presentation in recognition of Sierra Madre Pony League 14U All Star Champions, Eldridge Armstrong, Ben Carrillo, Isaiah Cruz, Jaden Guzman, Tommy Italia, Elijah Lee, David Mathias, Ryan Proctor, Kiko Robles, Seth Ruiz, Spencer Seid, Casey Spencer, Ryan Zimmerman, with Coaches Murph Proctor and Mike Guzman, and Manager James Italia. This team made it to the Regional Championship Game and went on to the Super Regional Tournament in Long Beach taking second place against the Covina team who eventually went all the way to win the World Series in Washington against South Korea.
- Presentation in recognition of Nicholas "Nico" Tierney for being a member of the Team USA Water Polo Champions who won Gold in Serbia in a 7-0 run that included victories over Serbia, Croatia, Australia, and the Netherlands. Faith Lee with Assemblymember Chris Holden's office recognized Nico Tierney for his noted accomplishments.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

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

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-37 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-37 for ratifying payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of \$304,564.49; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$12,346.49, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$327,188.05 for fiscal year ending June 2016 and 2017.

b) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-38 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-38 for ratifying payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of \$389,856.34; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$11,083.91, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$305,578.79 for fiscal year ending June 2016 and 2017.

c) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-39 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-39 for approval of payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of \$945,847.30; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$3,294.43, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$604,053.07 for fiscal year ending June 2016 and 2017

d) NOTICE OF COMPLETION: FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation that the City Council accept the completed work on behalf of the City and direct staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County Clerk/Recorder.

* Council Member Harabedian stated that Sierra Place is also included in this project and will get done.

e) NOTICE OF COMPLETION: EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF 680 FEET OF WATER MAIN IN CANYON CREST DRIVE

Recommendation that the City Council accept the completed work on behalf of the City and direct staff to file a Notice of Completion with the County Clerk/Recorder.

f) AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PHASE 2 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT TO T.A. RIVARD, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$343,280.

Recommendation that the City Council award a construction contract to T.A. Rivard, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$343,280 for the replacement of the water main in Sierra Place and Manzanita Avenue from South Hermosa to South Lima Street.

g) AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN OF PHASE 3 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS

Recommendation that the City Council direct staff to circulate a Request for Proposals for professional surveying and engineering services for the preparation of design documents (Plans and Specifications) for the replacement of 18 segments of water mains identified as the systems main contributors to the system water loss as Phase 2 of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Water Main Replacement Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Delmar opened for public comment but none was given.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED:

Moved: Council Member John Capoccia

Seconded: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi

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:

2. UPDATE ON AB109 AND PROPOSITIONS 47 AND 57 AND AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN THE TAKING OUR COMMUNITY BACK COALITION

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-40 in support of the City of Whittier's resolution addressing public safety impacts resulting from Assembly Bill 109, and Propositions 47 and 57 and authorization for Sierra Madre to join the Taking Our Community Back Coalition.

*Police Chief Ortiz and Deputy District Attorney Michele Hanisee, presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Delmar opened for public comment but none was given.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 17-40 IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER'S RESOLUTION ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACTS RESULTING FROM ASSEMBLY BILL 109, AND PROPOSITIONS 47 AND 57; AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SIERRA MADRE TO JOIN THE TAKING OUR COMMUNITY BACK COALITION:

Moved: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi

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

3. PFA RESOLUTION 71: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT, ESCROW AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO WITH RESPECT TO THE REFINANCING OF THE WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 1998A AND WATER REVENUE PARITY BONDS, SERIES 2003

Recommendation that the City Council/Board of the Public Financing Authority approve: PFA Resolution No. 71: Resolution of The Public Financing Authority of the City of Sierra Madre, authorizing the execution and delivery of an installment Purchase Agreement, Escrow Agreement and other documents related thereto with respect to the refinancing of the Water Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 1998A and Water Revenue Parity Bonds, Series 2003; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents required in connection therewith; and authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

* Marcie Medina, Assistant City Manager, presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Delmar opened for public comment but none was given.

APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY OF PFA RESOLUTION NO. 71: RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT, ESCROW AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO WITH RESPECT TO THE REFINANCING OF THE WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 1998A AND WATER REVENUE PARITY BONDS, SERIES 2003; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION. RESOLUTION 17-40 IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER'S RESOLUTION ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACTS RESULTING FROM ASSEMBLY BILL 109, AND PROPOSITIONS 47 AND 57; AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SIERRA MADRE TO JOIN THE TAKING OUR COMMUNITY BACK COALITION:

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

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

*** City Council took a short five-minute recess before continuing the meeting.**

4. EXCESS WATER USAGE, CHARGES, AND BILLING

Recommendation that the City Council provide direction.

* Gabriel Engeland, City Manager, presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Delmar opened for public comment.

- Barbara Lee Cline likes what she is hearing but let's discuss about the super water wasters.
- Todd Conrad works with Water and Power in L.A. and likes the plan.
- Matt Stegman stated the plan lacks incentives for the well-doers.

Mayor Pro Tem Delmar closed public comment.

* Direction was given to Staff by City Council to go ahead with this plan as a short-term solution until the Water Rate Study comes in. It is not a long-term solution but the consensus was to bring back the appropriate resolutions or ordinances on the agenda for the next City Council meeting on September 26, 2017.

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

Recommendation that the City Council provide direction.

* Gabriel Engeland, City Manager, presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Delmar opened for public comment.

- Brian Ursettie with Arcadia Fire Fighters Association is in disagreement with this model and it should be a 4-2 model, including the Engineer and a minimum of 3 full time paid firefighters.
- John Cole is concerned with this model.
- Jim Castania stated that an Engineer Fire Fighter is a very important role.
- Scott Austin reported that a 4-team firefighter engine is safe and should be considered.
- Martin Dessa stated that an Engineer Fire Fighter is needed in Sierra Madre.
- Christine Lowe agreed with everyone that an Engineer is needed and a 4-team firefighter engine is the better solution for now and safe for everyone.
- Director Goth stated that he understands the concerns, however, we have limited funding.
- Mr. Gillitte wants staff to get the pieces of the puzzle together and find a safe solution.
- Gary Hood disagrees and is disturbed from the low-balling of the Fire Department.
- Allen Rowley is offering his knowledge as a Firefighter and assistance to Staff with this matter.
- Jeremy Conrad doesn't believe the 3-2 plan is safe. Sierra Madre needs at least the 4-2 team to be efficient and safe.
- Jake Clammens is an Engineer Firefighter and asked for a better model with an Engineer for the safety of the City and the firefighters.
- Todd Conrad suggest having an Engineer Captain.
- Barbara Lee Cline would like to see more volunteers to make up the lack of firefighters.
- Sam Benitas would like to see a 4-2 model for everyone's safety and not a 3-2 model.
- Tom Dennison stated that this might be a short-term model, but a long-term safer model is what Sierra Madre needs.
- Charles Wood wants more Sierra Madre residents to be informed regarding this matter and to be more involved.
- Elisa Cox understands that this is a very difficult issue to solve for Staff and the City and ditto to what Tom Dennison said.
- Bob Boneta believes it is not safe to have less than a 4-2 model, and even with this model, it is still not completely safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Delmar closed public comment.

* Direction was given to Staff by City Council to go ahead with this plan as an interim solution until we have a robust long-term model and solution that is safer for the firefighters and the City of Sierra Madre.

ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

- In addition to direction given for Discussion Items # 4 and #5, Council Member Harabedian asked at the start of the meeting to look into a sister city agreement sometime in the future.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:33 p.m.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

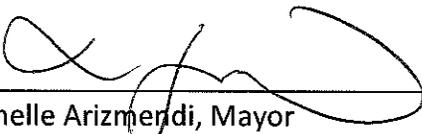
Seconded: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi

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

Noes: None

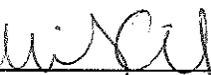
Absent: None

Abstain: None



Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor

Minutes taken and typed by:



Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk