



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

Tuesday, April 12, 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

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Goss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Clerk Aguilar called the roll.

Present: Mayor Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Garcia, and Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Member Kelly Kriebs, and Council Member 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
Hillary Guirola-Leon, Finance Director
Rodrick Armalin, Police Chief
Brent Bartlett, Fire Chief
Chris Cimino, Public Works Director
Arnulfo Yanez, Deputy Director of Public Works
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
Claire Lin, Senior Planner
Josh Wolf, Associate Planner
Rebecca Silva-Baron, Community Services Manager
Oscar Millan, IT Manager
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Sophia Kownatzki, Management Analyst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia acknowledged Ramadan, Passover, Holy Week and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Vote of the City Council to proceed with City business.

Mayor Goss asked for changes to the agenda or a motion to approve as presented.

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

Council Member Kriebs seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a roll call vote of the Council to approve the agenda.

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 agenda as presented was passed 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 Parkhurst.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia.

Mayor Goss called for a roll call 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 reading of all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only, and waive the reading in full, was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Reporting of Council Members' activities related to City business.

Council Member Kriebs: watched the Planning Commission meeting on the first public hearing on the proposed Meadows Project at Bailey Canyon.

Council Member Parkhurst: announced that he attended the Clean Power Alliance; no reportable action was taken. Also, reported that he attended an event and he saw a Chair of the Resources board and thanked her for the money the City received for clearing up the brush outside of Bailey Canyon Park.

Also, he reported Earth Day is on April 23, 2022 at Memorial Park. He announced the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Solar Project is on April 22, 2022 at 9:00am.

Council Member Arizmendi: no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia: announced the Senior Commissions had a meeting and discussed the Older American Celebration which will be held on June 15, 2022 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm located at the Heart House. He reported there is the community yard sale at Memorial Park in the lawn on June 11, 2022 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Also reported the senior rock concert will be on July 10, 2022.

Mayor Goss: attended the Los Angeles County Sanitization District meeting where they advised they are monitoring the COVID-19 virus in the sewage they treat.

Also attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting who stated since they have reopened circulation is back up. He participated in the Library bookmark contest and presented the award for Outstanding Artwork on a bookmark.

Announced former Police Chief Joe Sergant who passed on April 11, 2022.

Announced the week of April 10, 2022 to April 16, 2022 is National Public Safety Telecommunications week.

Announced Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 3:00pm Savor the Flavor will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony for their reopening at Kersting Court.

Announced vacancies on City Commissions. There is an anticipated vacancy on the Planning Commission, one anticipated vacancy on the Community Services Commission, two anticipated vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees, one current vacancy and one anticipated vacancy on the Natural Resources Commission.

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.

Alicia Lopez: stated she is the Director of tobacco programs at Day One and Coordinator of DUI Prevention Efforts in Spa 3. She spoke on Day One being a local Non-profit organization with a 35-year history of providing effective high quality and culturally sensitive public health education, intervention, and policy development. She shared DUI prevention strategies and partnered with local bars in Sierra Madre to distribute flyers, coasters, and table tents to spread awareness.

MaryLou Caldwell: announced the Kiwanis will be having a chili cook-off on May 7, 2022 at Masonic Temple, also known as The Lodge.

Deb Sheridan, Valley Vista Drive: spoke on New Urban West sending out postcards to residents in Hastings Ranch imploring them to attend the planning commission meeting. She stated, New Urban West provided the residents dinner and t-shirts to wear and reserved the first two rows of seating for the planning commission meeting. She asked for Council to be aware of these actions and not to allow the developers special treatment.

Alex Arrieta: spoke on New Urban West and how he feels they undervalued the planning commission meeting and the city residents by them not having any seats available inside the meeting chambers.

Gary Hood: spoke on former Police Chief Joe Sergant's passing. He complimented the Police department for starting the neighborhood watch program back up again.

Dee Alcorn: spoke on the planning commission meeting and complimented Council and the Planning Commission for listening to the residents and answering questions.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss asked if any e-mails had been received. City Clerk Aguilar advised that three e-mails had been received. One e-mail was received from Deb Sheridan, her comments were read today, one e-mail received from Darlene Papa, and one e-mail received from Barbara Velturo. The e-mails received were forwarded to City Council for their review and uploaded to the City's website for public access.

ACTION ITEMS

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

CONSENT

- a) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-16 APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS**
It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 22-16 approving payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$780,846.19; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$3,610.20; and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$369,162.69; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
- b) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-17 DIRECTING THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 487 WOODLAND DRIVE, SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA 91024 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 37350-37351.**
It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 22-17 directing the sale of property located at 487 Woodland Drive, Sierra Madre, California 91024 pursuant to Government Code sections 37350-37351.
- c) **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1448 AMENDING THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP**
It is recommended that the City Council conduct a second reading by title only waiving reading in full Ordinance No. 1448, amending the General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map.
- d) **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 1449 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.29 (R-H MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY) AND ORDINANCE 1450 ADDING CHAPTER 17.39 (RELIGIOUS HOUSING OVERLAY) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE**
It is recommended that the City Council conduct a second reading of Ordinance 1449 amending Chapter 17.29 (R-H Multiple Family Residential High Density) and Ordinance 1450 adding Chapter 17.39 (Religious Housing Overlay) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to conform to the recently adopted 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element update.
- e) **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1451 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.34 (AFFORDABLE HOUSING) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONFORM TO STATE DENSITY BONUS LAW**
It is recommended that the City Council conduct a second reading by title only and waive reading in full Ordinance No. 1451 amending Chapter 17.34 (affordable housing) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to conform to State Density Bonus Law
- f) **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1452 ADDING CHAPTER 17.58 (SMALL HOME LOT DEVELOPMENTS) TO TITLE 17 (ZONING), ADD CHAPTER 16.18 (URBAN LOT SPLIT) TO TITLE 16 (SUBDIVISIONS), AND ADD CHAPTER 17.59**

(MINISTERIAL DESIGN REVIEW PERMITS) TO TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONFORM TO STATE HOUSING LAW

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a second reading by title only waiving reading in full Ordinance No. 1452 adding Chapter 17.58 (Small Home Lot Developments) to Title 17 (Zoning), add Chapter 16.18 (Urban Lot Split) to Title 16 (Subdivisions), and add Chapter 17.59 (Ministerial Design Review Permits) to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to conform to state housing law.

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

For Consent item "b", Council Member Kriebs requested clarification on the sequence of approval for the sale agreement and if the District would have to approval the sale agreement prior to Council approving. City Attorney Giragosian responded that the District has not approved the sale. The District is waiting for the Council's approval before they consider the item. The District has an approval right over the sale.

Council Member Kriebs asked if a payment amount would have to be approved and what the payment amount would be for the sale of the property to a private owner. She also asked if administrative costs would be recouped. City Attorney Giragosian responded that the administrative costs cannot be recouped and the cost of the property would be at the fair market value. The City is entitled to the full market value if the property is sold.

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 Parkhurst made a motion to approve Consent Items a-f.

Council Member Arizmendi 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-f was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1453, ADDING CHAPTER 6.10 ("FEEDING OF WILDLIFE PROHIBITED") TO TITLE 6 ("ANIMALS") AND AMENDING SECTION 6.16.010 ("PROPERTY MAINTENANCE-NUISANCES") OF CHAPTER 8.16 (SITE NUISANCES) OF TITLE 8 ("HEALTH AND SAFETY" OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF CERTAIN WILDLIFE**

It is recommended that the City Council introduce for first reading by title only, Ordinance 1453, adding Chapter 6.10 (Feeding of Wildlife Prohibited) to Title 6 (Animals) and amending Section 6.16.010 (Property Maintenance-Nuisances) of Chapter 8.16 (Site Nuisances) of Title 8 (Health and Safety) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code to prohibit the feeding of certain wildlife.

Management Analyst James Carlson gave the report along with a Power Point Presentation.

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

Mayor Goss asked if composting is a significant issue. Management Analyst Carlson responded that composting can be an issue and can become an attractant to the bears, however setting up wiring or other apparatuses may deter bears from the composts.

Council Member Kriebs asked for an amendment stating a vegetable garden, fruit trees, and nut trees would be subject for removal of the litter without exception.

Mayor Goss opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

Dee Alcorn, Grandview; stated he believes Ordinance 1453 is reasonable.

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.

Mayor Goss closed the Public Hearing and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion or a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia made a motion to approve Ordinance 1453.

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 was passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SMOKE-FREE MULTI-UNIT HOUSING ORDINANCE

It is recommended that the City Council provide direction.

Analyst Intern Alondra Reynoso gave the report along with a Power Point Presentation.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia asked if someone can be prohibited from taking medical cannabis if it is their medication and if they choose to ingest it through smoking. City Attorney Giragosian responded that the

Health and Safety Code states it allows the city to prohibit smoking medicinal cannabis in a place where smoking is prohibited by law. City Attorney Giragosian clarified that individuals can be prevented from smoking in their units if the City Council chooses to approve that, but individuals cannot be prevented from ingesting it in another way, if they choose.

Mayor Goss opened the public comment period.

Colette Monel: suggested implementing a comprehensive ordinance of a smoke-free multi-family unit.

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

One e-mail was from Ms. Monel and one e-mail was from Mr. Doyle, both emails were forwarded to City Council for review and have been posted to the City's website for public access.

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

Council Member Parkhurst addressed the Health risks of smoking and the smoking ordinance could save the landowners cost when they have to turn the property over for the next tenant. However, he stated it should not be used as a way to evict people.

Council Member Kriebs suggested the City consider being more proactive on the smoking ordinance rather than waiting for the turnover of tenants to enforce the smoking ordinance because the turnover can be a lengthy process.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia is concerned about having an ordinance is it is difficult to enforce.

Council Member Arizmendi is concerned about the having the resources available for enforcement on this ordinance and the cost. She also asked if an implementation period would be provided to give the landowners and tenants time to comply.

Mayor Goss addressed the danger of smoking to the citizens and would like staff to define a clear path of enforcement procedures.

Council Member Arizmendi requested information regarding the breaking of a lease due to the neighbor smoking and if that is something that could be considered for the ordinance.

FUTURE ITEMS:

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

Mayor Goss mentioned a possible car show and asked staff to get the Community Services Commission to get the car show on their agenda to see if there is any interest. Council Member Kriebs suggested asking the car club or car association if they would like to sponsor an event in the city in conjunction with the car show.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

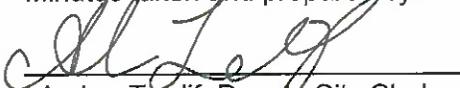
Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss adjourned the City Council Regular meeting at 7:03 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held on April 26, 2022.



Gene Goss, Mayor

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