

## **MINUTES**

Agenda - Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,  
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Mayor, Gene Goss, opened the Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council, Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor asked for public comment and there was none, therefore the Mayor 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: Gene Goss, Mayor, Rachele 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  
James Carlson, Management Analyst  
Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief  
Richard Snyder, Fire Captain  
Joe Ortiz, Interim Police Chief  
Ryan Baker, Director of Library and Community Services  
Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:**

Council Member Denise Delmar, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and guided us in a moment of silence to for the recent tragedies in Syria, Egypt and in San Bernardino.

### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

City Attorney Highsmith reported Council met in closed session to receive a briefing from legal counsel regarding the matter of an ongoing public employee discipline. Council provided direction but no action was taken. In addition, council received a briefing from legal counsel regarding two separate matters of significant exposure in anticipated litigation. Council provided direction but no action was taken.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED:**

Moved: Council Member Denise Delmar  
Seconded: Council Member John Harabedian  
Ayes: Mayor Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Rachele Arizmendi, Council Members John Capoccia, John Harabedian and Denise Delmar  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2017:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 30, 2017:**

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Council Member Denise Delmar (unable to attend)

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- 1) Council Member John Harabedian had nothing to report.
- 2) Council Member Denise Delmar had nothing to report.
- 3) Mayor Pro Tem Arizmendi reported Mayor Goss and she attended the Regional Mayor Summit and some issues are pertinent to our City where others were not. Mayor Pro Tem represented the Mayor at the Metro Board at the Mayor's Round Table where there was discussion of Measure M and the gas tax after both have recently passed. Mayor Pro Tem is the representative for Sierra Madre for the Joints Power Authority for the Foothills WIB. We are part of a six-city organization for the Foothill Workforce Development. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem met with Trustee Larry Torres from the PUSD Board of Trustees, and discussed access to the school grounds in our area regarding more availability for rec ball activities and practices for kids in our community.
- 4) Mayor Goss attended the Rotary Club meeting where he gave a condensed version of his State of the City address which was well received. Thank you, Rotary Club. He also met with PUSD Trustee Larry Torres to discuss more access to school property such as the Middle School Gymnasium for activities such as basketball. The collaboration is under way and we have hopes that we will have more access for the young people in our community.
- 5) Council Member John Capoccia attended an Environment of Quality Policy Committee meeting for the League of California Voters regarding the SB 231 bill; the vote was 21-20 in support of the bill. It possibly goes to the Assembly next but Council Member Capoccia feels it is bad government. He continues to fight against the bill which has serious tax implications. Mayor Pro Tem Arizmendi also commented that she will take the message to the League of California Cities Board meeting next month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Darlene Papa from Lifeline for Pets in Pasadena presented Chaplin, a beautiful cat ready to be adopted by a loving family. Anyone who would like to adopt Chaplin or other cats and dogs from Lifeline for Pets, a non-profit rescue organization, please get in touch with Darlene Papa at [www.lifelineforpets.org](http://www.lifelineforpets.org).
- Steve Stafford reported that he was a victim of Police abuse from Sierra Madre Police when he was stopped for swerving. He said he was badly mistreated and was given an incorrectly written citation.

- Lisa Lopez-Szjijarto stated that her son was denied the opportunity to play in Sierra Madre Pony League. Unfair practices are happening at the Pony League and occurring here in Sierra Madre. She submitted a letter to the National Pony League Association.
- John Lopez-Szjijarto: I'm 14 and I'm in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and I play baseball. I signed up for Pony and wanted to play baseball but was denied entry to the league. I was denied the opportunity and it should be about the kids as it is described in the mission statement. This has happened to other kids and I hope this doesn't happen again.
- Ralph Jimenez stated that he hopes these unfair practices don't happen again, as he said before in a previous meeting. It is very bothersome that my nephew is not playing ball because of someone else's agenda. Please look at this seriously. Thank you for your time.
- Mr. Szjijarto commented that his son, John Lopez-Szjijarto, is no longer interested nor wishes to play ball in Sierra Madre.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- Proclamation in Recognition of the Armenian Genocide presented by Mayor Goss to the ANCA, Armenian National Committee of America, Pasadena Chapter. Council Member Harabedian spoke briefly stating that the genocide occurred 102 years ago, a premeditated and systematic campaign to exterminate an entire people. Between 1915 and 1923 there was 1.5 million Armenians that were slaughtered and killed in the Ottoman Empire, what is now modern day Turkey. Our city and state recognize the Genocide although it is still not recognized as a genocide by the Federal government. It is still illegal in Turkey to talk about what happened to Armenians during this era. April 24<sup>th</sup> is the official commemoration day.
- Recognition of employee service to the City:
  - Miguel Cardenas, 20 years in Public Works
  - Richard Snyder, 25 years in Fire Department
  - Lori Garza, 25 years in Library
  - Jill Schofield, 25 years in Library
  - Chris Cimino, 30 years in Public Works

Employees absent were:

  - Selena Yang, 10 years in Finance Department
  - Dorothy Costello, 10 years in Human Resources
  - Henry Amos, 10 years in Police Department

### **AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

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

#### **1. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

##### **a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-14 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS**

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-14 for approval of payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of \$73,629.78; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$1,806.59, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$279,163.03 for fiscal year ending June 2017.

##### **b) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR YOHTEK CORPORATION**

Recommendation that the City Council approve the amended professional services agreement with Yohtek Corporation and authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the agreement.

##### **c) AWARD OF LANDSCAPE SERVICE CONTRACT FOR FY 2017-2018 THROUGH FY 2019-20 TO MERCHANTS LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC.**

Recommendation that the City Council approve the contract with Merchants Landscape Services for city wide landscape services in the amount of \$144,000 per year through June 30, 2020 and authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the agreement.

**d) AWARD OF THE JANITORIAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR FY 2017-2018 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2019-2019 TO DYNAMIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE, INC.**

Recommendation that the City Council award the janitorial services contract to Dynamic Building Maintenance, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$35,028 per fiscal year throughout Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the agreement.

*Mayor Goss opened for public comment.*

- Barbara Lee Cline asked if the format changed with the presentation of the library warrants. Council and staff stated that they are the same, but they are now on the staff report instead of the agenda.

*Mayor Goss closed public comment.*

**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 PUBLIC HEARING:**

**2. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 17-01 (GPA 17-01) AND ZONE CHANGE 17-01 (ZC 17-01): A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO CORRECT THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 5762-010-014, 5762-011-903 AND 5763-001-003 IN THE 2015 GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP AND A ZONE CHANGE TO MAKE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 5762-010-014 AND 5762-011-903 CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION**

Recommendation that the City Council approve General Plan Amendment 17-01 and Zone Change 17-01, pursuant to City Council Resolution 17-13.

At a Public Hearing held on March 16, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval of General Plan Amendment 17-01 and Zone Change 17-01 pursuant to Planning Commission Resolution 17-02.

\*Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation, presented.

*Mayor Goss opened for public hearing.*

- Barbara Lee Cline asked if the parcel ending in 003 still open space. Thank you to the Planning Commission for the map update. Council answered no to Ms. Cline's question.

*Mayor Goss closed public hearing.*

**APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 17-01 (GPA 17-01) AND ZONE CHANGE 17-01 (ZC 17-01):**

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

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:**

**3. CONSIDERATION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS-RELATED STATE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS**

Council Member Harabedian requested a discussion of SB 649 regarding wireless communications facilities. It is recommended that the City Council provide staff with direction.

\*Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation, presented.

*Mayor Goss opened for public comment.*

- Barbara Lee Cline, said that we don't have very good cell reception or internet here in Sierra Madre and is it going to happen anyway since it's a good potential revenue source.

*Mayor Goss closed public comment.*

\*Direction was given to staff by City Council to submit a letter to Senator Hueso, Senator Portantino, Assemblymember Holden, and all the members of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee to vote in opposition of this bill. Council Member Harabedian reported that the bill is doing the work of the wireless communication industry. They are trying to make it easy to put these small cell sites anywhere, and they are 40 feet small. If this bill passed, we would see a couple of these in Sierra Madre. Current law allows us to have discretionary approval and it is important. Mayor Pro Tem Arizmendi stated that the League of California Cities is against this bill and have templates for letters of opposition.

**ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

- Council Member Delmar and Council Member Harabedian noted that they are concerned with the baseball leagues here in Sierra Madre and with kids being excluded and unable to play ball. City Manager, Engeland, stated that meetings are already set up at to clarify the issues.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56 p.m.**

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rachelle Arizmendi

Seconded: Council Member John Harabedian

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