



**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, September 20, 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 or public comment may be made by e-mail to [PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com](mailto:PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com) by 3:00PM 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.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

The purpose of a City Council meeting is to conduct City business. Members of the public that behave in a manner that interrupts or obstructs the Council's ability to conduct City business may be asked to leave the meeting. Any and all demonstrations which disrupt, interrupt, or obstruct the Council's ability to conduct City business are prohibited. No signs, posters or other large objects shall be brought into the Council Chambers or other meeting place if doing so would disrupt, disturb or otherwise impede the orderly course of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Goss called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. City Clerk Aguilar called the roll.

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

Absent: Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi

Also Present: Jose Reynoso, City Manager  
Miguel Hernandez, Assistant City Manager  
Aleks Giragosian, City Attorney

Laura Aguilar, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk  
Vincent Gonzalez, Planning and Community Preservation Director  
Henry Amos, Acting Police Chief  
James Carlson, Management Analyst

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION**

Council Member Kriebs led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

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

Council Member Parkhurst 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 Kriebs, and Parkhurst  
Noes: None.  
Absent: Council Member Arizmendi  
Abstain: None.

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

### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Goss: no report provided

Council Member Kriebs: no report provided

Council Member Parkhurst: attended the 5k Wiggle Waggle Walk with the Humane Society, Senator Anthony Portantino attended the walk as well. Attended a Clean Power Alliance meeting; no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia: mentioned a pedestrian was struck in the crosswalk by a vehicle in town. He stated his heart goes out to the family and encouraged everyone to drive safely and take care of each other.

### **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.

**AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 22-58 RECOMMENDING (1) CERTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH # 2020060534); (2) ADOPTION OF CEQA FINDINGS OF FACT; (3) ADOPTION OF A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM; (4) APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT; AND (5) APPROVAL OF A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT; AND**

**CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE 1461 RECOMMENDING (1) APPROVAL OF A ZONING CHANGE AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT; (2) APPROVAL OF A SPECIFIC PLAN; AND (3) APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT**

The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approves the following actions in accordance with City Council Resolution 22-58, pursuant to Planning Commission Resolution 22-10 and 22-11.

Planning and Community Preservation Director Vincent Gonzalez gave the report along with a Power Point Presentation.

Mayor Goss asked the Council if they had any questions.

Mayor Goss opened the Public Hearing for public comment.

Susan Neuhausen: spoke on concerns regarding the Meadows Project and the EIR. Asked Council to thoroughly research the entire Meadows Project, specifically regarding the water usage. Requested Council to defer their vote until after the election.

Matt Bryant: spoke on the residents of Sierra Madre being unable to make an informed decision on the Meadows Project. He stated the residents did not have enough access to information about the Meadows Project or the Developers.

Alice Whichello: spoke on her concerns for the depletion of water during the construction of the Meadows Project. Asked Council to defer their vote until after the election.

Gary Hood: thanked Council for their time and all of their hard work throughout this project.

Natalie Shore Peterson: spoke on the Specific Plan sections 4.6, 4.7, and 4.8 and the burden on Crestvale drive. Concerns regarding retaining walls and their ability to withstand construction.

Tricia Searcy: spoke opposing the Meadows Project and her concerns on the EIR. Asked Council to defer any action on the project until after the election.

Philip Yao: spoke on the destruction of the alluvial plane in the area where the Meadows Project will be built. Thanked Council for their consideration.

Katrelya Angus: spoke on her concern regarding air pollution created by leaf blowers.

Alex Arrieta: stated that 75 percent of the homes are 2-story for the development. Water needed for the construction of the development is estimated at 5-million gallons. Stated the EIR is not complete and full of inaccuracies. Concerned that the EIR does not address the Carter avenue widening.

Pat Alcorn: provided a timeline of past events relating to the Conservation Era.

Robert Gjerde: spoke on the Sierra Madre parkland and how a park in the area would be an asset to the City. Asked Council to approve the project.

The Developer submitted 519 letters of support of the Meadows Project.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss asked if any e-mails had been received. City Clerk Aguilar advised that 16 e-mails had been received and forwarded to the City Council for review.

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

7:07 p.m. At this time Mayor Goss requested a brief recess.

7:17 p.m. the City Council reconvened their meeting.

Meadows Project Representative Frankel stated 25 percent of the trees planted would be upsized to 36 inch boxes. The other trees will be 24 inches or smaller trees. Stated they will help support the construction of the new police facility with a supplemental payment of \$250,000, upon approval of the tentative track map and design review permit.

9:12 p.m. At this time Mayor Goss requested a brief recess.

9:20 p.m. the City Council reconvened their meeting.

Council Member Parkhurst made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-58 pursuant to Planning Commission Resolution No. 22-10 and Planning Commission Resolution No. 22-11, as amended during the meeting discussion to include the following changes to the Development Agreement; the phrase "event of default" will be changed to strike the language "event of" and keep "default" as a defined term with the edit will be consistent throughout the document. The second change would be to add a Section 4 N to state, upon approval of a Tentative Tract Map and design review permit pursuant to Section 4(a)(i) the Developer shall pay \$250,000 to the City for Public Safety purposes. The third change would happen prior to the issuance of a construction permit for the project there would be verification of WELO compliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

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

The motion to adopt Resolution 22-58 was passed unanimously.

Council Member Kriebs made a motion to introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 1461 recommending approval of a zoning change and zoning map amendment approval of a Specific Plan and approval of a Development Agreement for the Meadows of Bailey Canyon Specific Plan Project as amended during the meeting discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

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

The motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1461 was passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Parkhurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn 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 Kriebs, and Parkhurst  
Noes: None.  
Absent: Council Member Arizmendi  
Abstain: None.

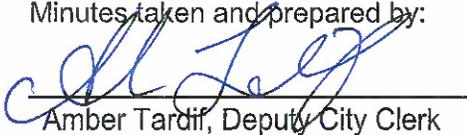
The motion to adjourn was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

THIS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 9:38 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held on September 27, 2022.



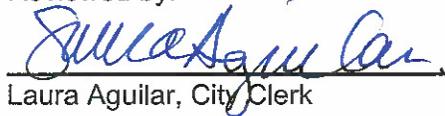
Gene Goss, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:



Amber Tardif, Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed by:



Laura Aguilar, City Clerk