



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

Sunday, September 13, 2020 – 11:00 am

Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 Transmission Mitigation Efforts,
this Emergency City Council Meeting was conducted via Zoom.**

The meeting was streamed live on the City's Website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

**The public was provided with the opportunity to make comments
by calling into the meeting to provide their comments.**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor John Capoccia called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. City Clerk Sue Spears called the roll.

Present: Mayor John Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Rachele Arizmendi, and Council Members Gene Goss and John Harabedian

Absent: None

Also Present: Gabe Engeland, City Manager
Aleks Giragosian, Deputy City Attorney
Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager
Henry Amos, Police Captain
Rodrick Armalin, Police Chief
Brett Bartlett, Interim Fire Chief
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Christian Delgado, Senior Network Administrator
Vincent Gonzalez, Planning and Community Preservation Director
Hillary Guirola-Leon, Finance Director
Miguel Hernandez, Human Resources Manager
Sophia Kownatzki, Management Analyst
Oscar Milan, IT Manager
Jose Reynoso, Utility Services Director
Rebecca Silva-Barrón, Community Services Manager
Sue Spears, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Capoccia asked for approval of the agenda.

Deputy City Attorney Giragosian advised that, because this is an emergency meeting, the public would not be permitted to comment on items not on the agenda.

Council Member Goss moved to approve the agenda as amended.
Mayor Pro Tem Arizmendi seconded the motion.

City Clerk Spears called the names of each City Council Member to determine their individual vote on the meeting agenda.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

1. DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION NO. 20-63 PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

City Manager Engeland reported on this item with the recommendation that the City Council ratify Resolution No. 20-63 Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency as a result of the Bobcat Fire as issued on August 13, 2020. At 9:00 a.m. today, a mandatory evacuation was ordered for all Sierra Madre and Arcadia residents living east of Santa Anita Ave. and north of Elkins Ave.

Interim Fire Chief Bartlett and Police Chief Armalin provided updates on the Bobcat Fire, its effect on the residents and property of Sierra Madre, SMFD and Unified Command/mutual aid response actions to protect Sierra Madre, and the prospect looking forward in the days ahead.

Mayor Capoccia asked if any Council Members had questions on this item. City Manager Engeland, Interim Fire Chief Bartlett, and Police Chief Armalin responded to Council Member questions.

Mayor Capoccia opened this item for Public Comment. There was no call-in comments received. Mayor Capoccia closed public comment on this item and brought the matter back to the City Council for discussion.

Discussion took place and there was consensus to ratify the resolution without changes.

Council Member Harabedian made a motion to ratify Resolution No. 20-63 as presented.

Council Member Goss seconded the motion.

City Clerk Spears called the names of each City Council Member to determine their individual vote on the motion.

- Ayes: Mayor John Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Rachele Arizmendi, and Council Members Gene Goss and John Harabedian
- Noes: None
- Absent: None
- Abstain: None

The motion to ratify Resolution No. 20-63 as presented was passed by a unanimous vote.

City Manager reminded people that they can get timely notifications regarding the Bobcat Fire and other emergencies by signing up at Nixel.com. He said that updates on the Bobcat Fire would also be posted on the City's website and City's Facebook page.

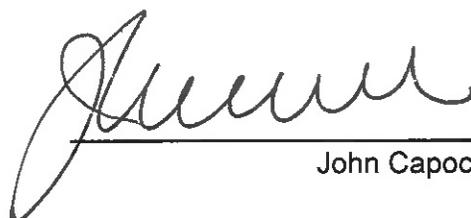
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Capoccia asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arizmendi.

THIS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 11:41 a.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held on September 22, 2020.



 John Capoccia, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:



 Sue Spears, City Clerk