

## **MINUTES**

Agenda - Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,  
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority  
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

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

### **6:30 PM - CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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

Absent: None

Also, Present: Gabe Engeland, City Manager  
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney  
Marcie Medina, Assistant City Manager  
James Carlson, Management Analyst  
Mike Goth, Acting Fire Chief  
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation  
Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk  
Miguel Hernandez, Human Resources Manager

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

Council Member Gene Goss led Pledge of Allegiance and reflected on words of wisdom from his childhood.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Council Member John Harabedian moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member John Capoccia seconded the motion for approval of the agenda.

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

Noes: None

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi moved on to the approval of the minutes from December 12, 2017 and January 9, 2018.

Council Member Gene Goss made a motion to approve the both sets of minutes as presented.

Council Member John Capoccia seconded the motion for approval of both sets of minutes.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion to approve the December 12, 2017 and January 9, 2018 minutes was passed unanimously.

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

- 1) Council Member John Capoccia reported as the City's Liaison on his meeting with Mosquito and Vector Control. Call Mosquito and Vector Control if you are being bit during the day and they will send an inspector to investigate. Council Member Capoccia also attended Pasadena's State of the City with Mayor Tornek. The big thing there is pensions. Council Member Capoccia also provided an update from the COG meeting. There was a motion to approve a stipend increase from \$50 to \$75. Council Member Capoccia voted against it.

- 2) Council Member John Harabedian had nothing to report.
- 3) Council Member Gene Goss had nothing to report.
- 4) Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar had nothing to report but announced the Library Forum on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Sierra Madre Room at Sierra Vista Park.
- 5) Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi had nothing to report but announced the City is still accepting applications for City Clerk.

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public comment on items not on the agenda

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

Pat Alcorn, Grandview, announced the Friends of the Library 48<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting on February 16. Premier Event tickets are \$80.00; the main event is \$60.00 and includes wine and cuisine tasting. Buy tickets at Sierra Madre Library, The Bottle Shop, Savor the Flavor, and Arnold's.

Rich Proctor, Sierra Madre Library Trustee, announced the Library Forum is tomorrow at 7:00pm in the Sierra Madre Room at the Rec Center. Also, coming up next month is One Book, One City. The book chosen is In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash by Jean Shepherd. There will be a full program of events at the Library. Also, the Library received a grant for the S.T.E.A.M. program. Finally, the Library received a grant for a virtual reality device. Appointments are available at the Library on Tuesdays from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Mayor Arizmendi asked if anyone else would like to come forward on items not on the agenda. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:**

Human Resources Manager Miguel Hernandez provided the report.

HR Manager Hernandez introduced newly appointed firefighter-paramedics Greg Fields and Esteban Estrada. He also introduced the first Fire Department Recruit, Alissa Connell. HR Manager Hernandez thanked Acting Fire Chief Goth for his invaluable service in the transition of the fire department and introduced Chief Kurt Norwood as the newly appointed Interim Fire Chief.

**AGENDA ACTION ITEMS; CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Manager Gabriel Engeland gave the following reports under the Consent Calendar.

- a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-04 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS
- b) CONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION OF APRIL 10, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
- c) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 1395 AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 15.62 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR EXPEDITED PERMITTING OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 18-03 ADOPTING A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLAN CHECK FEE FOR EXPEDITED PERMITTING OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS
- d) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 1398 REAUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND GOVERNMENTAL (PEG) ACCESS SUPPORT FEE
- e) ATHENS SERVICES 2018 ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT
- f) RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR HIGHLAND MEWS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 186 WEST HIGHLAND AVENUE

Mayor asked if any member of the Council had questions on items on the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Harabedian asked

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public comment. Seeing no one, Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment and brought the matter back to the Council.

Council Member Gene Goss made a motion to approve Consent Items 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1F. Council Member John Harabedian seconded the motion for approval.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion to approve Consent Items 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1F was approved unanimously.

The motion to approve Urgency Ordinance 1397U passed unanimously.

**NEW ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Mayor Arizmendi asked the members of the City Council if there are any new items for future agendas.

No new items were requested by the Council Members.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Arizmendi asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Gene Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by Council Member John Harabedian

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

Noes: None

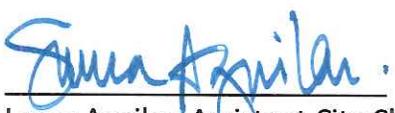
Abstain: None

The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14pm.

  
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Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor

Minutes taken and typed by:

  
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Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk