



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 6:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor John Harabedian called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. City Clerk Sue Spears called the roll.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Nikhil Damle, Assistant City Attorney
Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Chris Cimino, Public Works Director
Rosemary Garcia, Administrative Analyst
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation
Miguel Hernandez, Human Resources Manager
Colby Konisek, Finance Director
Jen Peterson, Administrative Analyst
Jose Reynoso, Utilities Services Director
Christine Smart, City Librarian
Sue Spears, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION

Mayor Harabedian led the Pledge of Allegiance and encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election on March 3rd as their civic duty and to protect our democracy.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Harabedian asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Arizmendi moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia seconded the motion.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Harabedian asked for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2020.

Mayor Harabedian noted that in the Public Comment section, Sam Berndt's name was missing. No other corrections were made.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2020, as amended.

Council Member Goss seconded the motion.

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

The motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2020, as amended was passed by a unanimous vote.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Mayor John Harabedian did not make a report.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem John Capoccia reported that he attended the SC Council of Governments Water Committee Meeting today at which approval of comments for the new MS4 Permit that will be issued took place.
- C. Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi did not make a report.
- D. Council Member Gene Goss did not make a report.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Harabedian opened the meeting for Public Comment on items not on the agenda.

- Ernie Kopka, Sierra Madre, expressed concern regarding his Athens Waste Services bill following an audit.
- Maile Plan on behalf of Judy Chu, Member of Congress, 27th District, announced two events at which the community is invited as follows: (1) "Cyber Safety & Stress Management Workshop on February 19 in Monterey Park and (2) Screening of Oscar nominated film "Walk Run Cha Cha" on February 15 in Alhambra.

Mayor Harabedian asked if anyone else would like to come forward to speak on items not on the agenda. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- (a) TREASURER'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2019 - Recommendation that the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the City's cash and investment portfolio for the quarter ending September 30, 2019.
- (b) CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FEE SCHEDULE - Recommendation that the City Council approve revisions to the FY 2019-20 Fee Schedule for the reduction of rental fees for use of municipal courts including basketball, volleyball, tennis and pickleball courts.
- (c) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 20-07 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS - Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 20-07 for approval of payment of City warrants in the aggregate amount of \$137,366.77; Sierra Madre Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$3,586.52; and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$347,859.97; for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020
- (d) SECOND READING, BY TITLE ONLY, OF ORDINANCE 1424 REPEALING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN ANY ZONING DISTRICT IN THE CITY - Recommendation that City Council introduce and adopt for second reading, by title only, Ordinance 1424, pursuant to Water Code Section 350 et. seq., which repeals a moratorium on the issuance of new water service connections in any zoning district in the City and declared a water shortage emergency.

Mayor Harabedian asked if any Council Members had questions on Consent Items 1a – 1d. Council Members did not ask any questions.

Mayor Harabedian opened the meeting for Public Comment on the Consent Items. Seeing no one, Mayor Harabedian closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia made a motion to approve Consent Items 1a – 1d as presented.

Council Member Arizmendi seconded the motion.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion to approve Consent Items 1a – 1d as presented was passed by a unanimous vote.

2. PRESENTATION TO MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN CAPOCCIA FOR SERVICE TO SIERRA MADRE

Mayor Harabedian presented Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia with a plaque and a City of Sierra Madre Certificate recognizing his accomplishments on the City Council and during his term as Mayor Pro Tem for the last nine months. He thanked and commended Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia on his leadership and work as Mayor Pro Tem for the last nine months.

3. PRESENTATION TO MAYOR JOHN HARABEDIAN FOR SERVICE TO SIERRA MADRE

Mayor Pro Tem Capoccia presented Mayor Harabedian with a plaque and a City of Sierra Madre Certificate recognizing his accomplishments on the City Council and during his term as Mayor for the last nine months. He thanked and commended Mayor Harabedian on his leadership and work as Mayor for the last nine months.

The following presentations were made to Mayor Harabedian in recognition of his service as Mayor:

- a. "California Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition" presented by Hector Rodriguez on behalf of Chris Holden Assembly Member, 41st District.
- b. "California State Senate Certificate of Recognition" presented by Vickere Murphy on behalf of Anthony Portantino, State Senator.
- c. "Certificate of Congressional Recognition" presented by Maile Plan on behalf of Judy Chu, Member of Congress, 27th District.
- d. "County of Los Angeles Commendation" presented by Savannah Moore on behalf of Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, Fifth District.

Mayor Harabedian (1) thanked his City Council colleagues, residents, Staff, other electeds that serve our community, and his family, (2) expressed pride in what has been accomplished over the last eight years, including the SMFD as a full-time fire department.

4. DISCUSSION – CITY COUNCIL SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11, 2020 UNTIL DECEMBER 8, 2020

Assistant City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager Aguilar provided information on this item with the recommendation that the City Council select a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to serve for the period beginning February 11, 2020 until December 8, 2020.

Mayor Harabedian made a motion to select John Capoccia as Mayor and Rachelle Arizmendi as Mayor Pro Tem for the period beginning February 11, 2020 until December 8, 2020.

Council Member Goss seconded the motion.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion to select John Capoccia as Mayor and Rachelle Arizmendi as Mayor Pro Tem for the period beginning February 11, 2020 until December 8, 2020 was passed by a unanimous vote.

NEW ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Mayor Capoccia asked the Council Members if there are any new items for future meeting agendas. Mayor Capoccia requested that discussion of the City Council putting an initiative on the ballot to change the City Clerk position from elected to appointed be agendized at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Capoccia asked for a motion to adjourn.

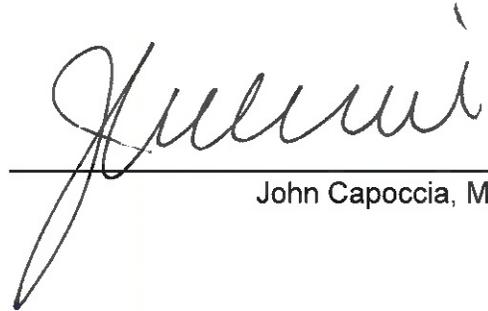
Council Member Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Harabedian.

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

The motion to adjourn was passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 6:57 p.m. to a Regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers.



John Capoccia, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:



Sue Spears, City Clerk