

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

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

5:25 pm

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

*Robert Parkhurst, Mayor
Kristine Lowe, Mayor Pro Tem
Edward Garcia, Council Member
Gene Goss, Council Member
Kelly Kriebs, Council Member*

Sue Spears, City Treasurer



PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council will listen to the public on any item 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. Each speaker will be limited to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by appropriate City Council action.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

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.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. City Clerk Aguilar called the roll.

Present: Mayor Robert Parkhurst, Mayor Pro Tem Kristine Lowe, Council Member Gene Goss, and Council Member Kelly Kriebs

Absent: Council Member Garcia.

Also Present: Julia A. Homaechvarria, Deputy City Attorney
Miguel Hernandez, Assistant City Manager
Laura Aguilar, City Clerk
Gustavo Barrientos, Chief of Police

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Vote of the City Council to proceed with City business.

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

Council Member Goss seconded the motion.

Mayor Parkhurst called for a vote of the Council:

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

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was approved by a unanimous voice vote by all Members present.

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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.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

This meeting is a Special meeting. The City Council will only hear public comment for items on the agenda.

DISCUSSION

Update from Sierra Madre Police Department regarding interactions/incidents involving bears and people, pets, property.

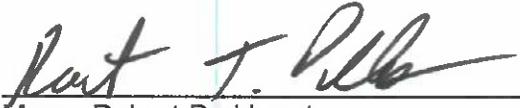
It is recommended that the City Council provide staff with direction.

Police Chief Barrientos provided statistics and data on monthly bear call trends, bear categories, and Sierra Madre Police Department bear response protocols.

After Council discussion, Mayor Parkhurst opened the podium to receive public comment. Seeing no one come forward, the Mayor closed public comment. The City Council continued their discussion and directed staff to provide updates at all upcoming City Council meetings.

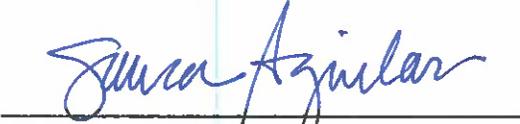
The City Council adjourned their Special Meeting to a Regular Meeting.

Approved by Council Action:



Mayor Robert Parkhurst

Minutes taken and typed by:



Laura M. Aguilar
City Clerk

ACTION ITEMS

Regardless of staff recommendation on any agenda item, the City Council will consider such matters, including action to approve, conditionally approve, reject, or continue such item.

MEETING ASSISTANCE

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