

## **MINUTES**

Agenda - Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,  
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

\*Closed Session immediately following the Open Session.

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Gabe Engeland, City Manager  
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney  
Marcie Medina, Assistant City Manager  
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation  
Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works  
Jose Reynoso, Deputy Director of Public Works  
James Carlson, Management Analyst  
Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief  
Richard Snyder, Fire Captain  
Joe Ortiz, Police Chief  
Miguel Hernandez, HR Manager  
Ryan Baker, Director of Library and Community Services  
Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk

### **PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Boy Scout Troop 373 presented, and directed by Boy Scout Troop Master, Martin Deveau.

### **INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:**

Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar led the invocation/inspiration in remembrance of Memorial Day.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED:**

Moved: Council Member John Harabedian

Seconded: Council Member Gene Goss

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

- 1) Council Member Goss had nothing to report.
- 2) Mayor Pro Tem Delmar had nothing to report.
- 3) Council Member Harabedian reported that last week there was a metro sub-committee that voted on to take the 710-tunnel option off the table and take that money for street improvements. Metro had never voted against this issue and this is a significant vote coming up this Thursday, and we will wait what happens.
- 4) Council Member Capoccia reported he will be attending the meeting on Thursday and this is big news. Council Member Capoccia and Mayor Arizmendi approached Supervisor Kathryn Barger and made a call to Mayor Garcetti's office against the tunnel. The COG has new leadership and will benefit us to have a closer relationship with the new leaders.
- 5) Mayor Arizmendi reported there has been many activities throughout the community the past two weeks, the Chili Cook-off by the Kiwanis Club was a hit amongst staff with Chris Cimino

winning the contest and James Carlson second place; Gabe Engeland also placed. Chief Ortiz had his ceremony and congratulations to him.

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

- Dave Hunter spoke about the high-water charges in Sierra Madre and asked the City to please lighten up with the water restrictions and the 30% fines since everyone is doing their part, and the Governor has declared that there is no more significant drought in California.
- Mayor Arizmendi asked the City Manager when the water issue will be on the agenda again, and it is set for first meeting in June.
- Robert Gerardi thanked James Carlson and Chris Cimino for getting the bell going for the first time in decades, and it will be rung at the start of the Mount Wilson Trail Race.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- Recognition of the 2017 Sierra Madre Older American to Jay Whitcraft, and Proclamation Award presented by Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi.
- Framed photo of the 2017 Rose Float gifted to the City of Sierra Madre by the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association.
- Recognition Certificates to members of the Public Safety Committee and Public Safety Services Proposal Review Committee, presented by Mayor Arizmendi.

##### Public Safety Committee 2015-2017:

- Rosemary Burnett
- Bill Coburn
- Donald Handley
- Joseph Widman
- Glen Lambdin (Chair)
- Marilyn Diaz

##### Public Safety Services Proposal Review Committee July 2015-October 2015:

- Rosemary Burnett
- Bill Coburn
- Donald Handley
- Joseph Widman
- Glen Lambdin
- Marilyn Diaz

- Presentation of recipients of the 2017 Philanthropic Awards from the Sierra Madre Civic Club:
  - Convalescent Aid Society
  - Creative Arts Group
  - Emergency Response Team
  - Families in Transition
  - S.M. Fourth of July Committee
  - Sierra Madre Little League
  - Lunch Program for Seniors
  - S.M. Middle School After School Sports Program
  - S.M. Middle School Theater
  - Mount Wilson Trail Race
  - S.M. Public Library Art & Essay Contest
  - S.M. Public Library One Book, One City
  - Reading Is Fundamental
  - S.M. Rose Float Association
  - Sierra Madre Playhouse

#### **AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

\* Gabriel Engeland, City Manager, gave the following report under the Consent Calendar.

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

a) **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-23 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS**

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 17-23 for approval of payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of \$170,756. 56; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$4,561.39, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$298,663.45 for fiscal year ending June 2017.

b) **EXTENSION OF AUDIT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Recommendation that the City Council approve the extension of the Professional Services Agreement with Rogers, Anderson, Malody, & Scott, LLP for an additional year for an amount not to exceed \$61,000.

c) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 17-24, DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR 2017 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BUSINESS MEETING**

Recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution 17-42 appointing Council Member John Harabedian as the Voting Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2017 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Business Meeting.

- ❖ Amendment to item c by Council Member John Harabedian asking Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar to be the Voting Delegate and Council Member Gene Goss to be the Alternate Voting Delegate.

d) **RE-APPOINTMENT TO METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SERVICE COUNCIL AND APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY'S WATER AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

Recommendation that the City Council nominate Council Member John Harabedian to the San Gabriel Valley Service Council for the term beginning July 1, 2017 and appoint Council Member Gene Goss to serve on the City's Water Ad-Hoc Committee.

*Mayor Goss opened for public comment but none was given.*

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED WITH AMENDMENTS TO ITEM C:**

Moved: Council Member John Capoccia

Seconded: Council Member John Harabedian

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**2. INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE SOLAR PROJECT AND ADOPTION OF CORRESPONDING RESOLUTION 17-09**

Recommendation that the City Council open a Public Hearing, take public comments on the study and approve the Environmental Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the project pursuant to City Council Resolution 17-09; a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre

- ❖ James Carlson, Management Analyst, presented, along with representatives from Con Energy.

*Mayor Goss opened for public hearing.*

- **Dee:** Alcorn asked how we arrived at the \$3,000,000 cost point?
- Mr. Alcorn was told by Staff that the system size and cost was done on available space.
- Pat Alcorn asked if the noise of the structure is relatively quiet?
- Mrs. Alcorn was told by Staff that the system noise is very quiet and similar to a computer fan that can't be heard over 4-5 feet.

*Mayor Goss closed public hearing.*

- ❖ Direction given to Staff by Council to further research the output and performance guarantee, the technology trends, and to look at where this technology is going before the next discussion.

**APPROVAL THE ENVIRONMENTAL INITIAL STUDY, MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND PROJECT PURSUANT TO CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 17-09:**

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

Seconded: Council Member Gene Goss

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**NO ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

**CITY COUNCIL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:50 P.M.**

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

City Attorney Highsmith reported Council met in closed session with City Attorney to receive a briefing on a matter of potential litigation. No action was taken.

**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION AT 8:59 P.M.**

  
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Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor

Minutes taken and typed by:

  
Melinda Carrillo  
City Clerk