

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2010

The regular meetings of the San Gabriel City Council and the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency convened on April 6, 2010 at 7:34 p.m. with Mayor/Chair Huang, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Gutierrez, Council/Agencymembers Costanzo, De La Torre, Sawkins, City Manager/Executive Director Preston, City Attorney/General Counsel Kress, and Deputy City Clerk/Agency Secretary Castruita present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE

Attendance

RECESS AGENCY MEETING

Recess Agency Meeting

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to recess; seconded by Agency member Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

Public Comment

Marissa Castro-Salvati, representative of Southern California Edison, reminded Council about the Smart Meter Installation update, the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, and the CARE 20% discount for low income qualified customers which include refrigerator rebates, weatherization and pay level plans.

JUNIPERO SERRA SENIOR CLUB FACILITY USE

Junipero Serra Senior Club
Facility Use Approved

At the March 2, 2010 Council meeting, members of the Junipero Serra Senior Club asked Council to waive the set staffing fee for use of the Adult Recreation Center on the weekend. During the 2009 budget process, staff evaluated facility use and rental practices to cover staff costs during hours when staff is not normally working. Adjustments were made to accommodate groups that were impacted by these new practices.

Recommended Action: That the City Council uphold current practice that the facility is available to community organizations at no cost only during regular office/staffing hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Hogan presented the staff report.

Josephine Elizondo, representing the Junipero Serra Senior Club, thanked the Council for their support.

Frank Chaves, representing the Junipero Serra Senior Club, thanked the Council for their support.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve as follows:

1. The monthly rental fee for the Junipero Serra Senior Club be waived for weekend use of the Adult Recreation Center for an unlimited term, based on a finding of hardship by the Council.
2. That the Club will work with City staff in the event a paying rental event is scheduled so that the City will not lose that revenue.
3. Future waivers will be considered only on a case by case basis, with the understanding that new applications for weekend use that were not previously granted weekend use are not subject to waiver.
4. This waiver shall apply to both the monthly meeting rate and the ancillary fee for fundraising events.

Councilmember Costanzo seconded and passed by a vote on the board of five yes,

Recommended Action:
Approval

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: 2009 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
APRIL, 2009 – MARCH, 2010

General Plan Update : 2009
Annual Progress Report April,
2009-March, 2010 Approved

As per Government Code Section 65400(b), the Planning Division is required to provide an annual report by April 1 to the City Council, the State Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) regarding the status of the General Plan, its implementation progress, and how the City is meeting the regional housing needs for the community. The Planning Commission reviewed and affirmed the report and recommended it be forwarded to the City Council.

Recommended Action: That the City Council affirm the information contained in the General Plan Implementation Report for the period of April 2009 to March 2010 and provide any additional comment if necessary before the document is sent to the State Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

City Planner Gallatin presented the staff report.

Councilmember Sawkins moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

COUNCIL REQUEST CONCERNING A DISCUSSION ON THE STATUS OF THE
"SISTER CITY" PROGRAM

A request by Mayor Huang has been made to discuss the status of the Sister City Program.

Mayor Huang addressed the
Council on the Sister City
Program

Recommended Action: That the City Council consider the matter and provide direction to staff.

Mayor Huang discussed the status of the "Sister City" Program.

Discussion by Council was as follows:

Vice Mayor Gutierrez stated the costs are high for the associations and the reciprocation by the City is not possible with current budget issues.

Councilmember Costanzo stated that the Sister City program currently has standing relations with Mexico and China and would like to consider other cultural possibilities for future relations.

Councilmember Sawkins wanted to expand the existing relationships by utilizing technology.

Councilmember De La Torre supports the existing relationships and offered support for possible hosting opportunities.

CONSENT CALENDAR: ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR
ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION
UNLESS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR AUDIENCE REQUESTS
SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Consent Calendar

A. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2010 AND
MARCH 23, 2010

Minutes Approved

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the last Council meeting.

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS - 82703 – 82845 INCLUSIVE \$1,300,235.25 Material Demands Approved

This is the presentation of the “Register of Demands and Warrants” for the payment of City expenditures.

Recommended Action: Approval

C. 2010 KID'S DAY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - REQUESTED CLOSURE OF MISSION DRIVE AND BROADWAY 2010 Kid's Day and Independence Day Parade – Street Closure Approved

City of San Gabriel staff, in conjunction with a volunteer committee, will be holding the fourth annual “San Gabriel Kid’s Day and Independence Day Parade” on Saturday, July 3, 2010.

Staff is requesting closure of Mission Drive from Mission Road to Santa Anita for parade vehicle staging from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A staged street closure of Mission Drive from Mission Road to Broadway and a staged closure of Broadway from Mission Drive to Smith Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. until all parade participants have reached Smith Park at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution 10-12 authorizing the following street closures on Saturday, July 3: temporary closure of Mission Drive from Mission Road to Santa Anita from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; and a staged street closure of Mission Drive from Mission Road to Broadway and Broadway from Mission Drive to Smith Park (232 W. Broadway) beginning at 9:30 a.m.
2. Approve use of Plaza Park (“kick off” event and staging area) from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Smith Park (set-up and picnic) from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3. Approve use of the Mission Playhouse and City Hall parking lots beginning at 8:00 a.m. for parking.

Councilmember Costanzo moved to approve the consent calendar as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Gutierrez and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Council comments and conference/meeting reports

Each Council Member addressed the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. Also, the Council gave reports on meetings they had attended.

RECESS COUNCIL MEETING AND RECONVENE AGENCY MEETING

Recess Council meeting and reconvene Agency meeting

Councilmember Sawkins moved to recess Council meeting and reconvene Agency meeting; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

Agency Meeting

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2010 AND MARCH 23, 2010 Minutes Approved

Agencymember Costanzo moved to approve the subject minutes; seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE AGENCY BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT Public Comment

ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER
JURISDICTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AGENCY BOARD

Citizens wishing to address the Agency Board on any matter not on the Agenda, which is in the subject matter jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Agency Board, may do so at this time. Please state your NAME and ADDRESS CLEARLY for the record.

Please note that while the Agency Board values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, the Agency Board cannot take any action until such time as the matter may appear as an item on a forthcoming agenda.

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Agency at this time.

C. ADJOURN AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn Agency Meeting

At 8:29 p.m., Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to adjourn the Agency meeting; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Reconvene Council meeting
and recess to Closed Session

A. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: 1 case

City Attorney confirmed no reportable action.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM "A" FOR A STUDY SESSION FOR THE
NEW CITY YARD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Adjourn

Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

SAN GABRIEL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

Nina Castruita, Agency Secretary

Nina Castruita, Deputy City Clerk

Albert Y. M. Huang, Chair

Albert Y.M. Huang, Mayor