



**MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2020, 5:30 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Menchaca called the special meeting of the San Gabriel City Council to order at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Tony Ding, John R. Harrington, Jason Pu, Vice Mayor Chin Ho Liao, and Mayor Denise Menchaca.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Lazzaretto, City Attorney Keith Lemieux, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Arminé Chaparyan, Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Rebecca Perez, Police Chief Eugene Harris, Chief City Clerk Sharon Clark, Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg de Vinck, Fire Chief Steven Wallace, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Edward Macias, and Interim Finance Director Kenneth Louie.

Mayor Menchaca provided information for the public on how to view the meeting and submit comments.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Richter, resident, provided comments on his opposition to the City subsidizing the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

Senya Lubisich, Chair of the Historic Preservation and Cultural Resources Commission and resident, and Chuck Myers, resident, provided comments requesting that the proposed funding for Historic Preservation Ordinance be retained in the 2020-2021 Budget.

2. STUDY SESSION

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

City Manager Lazzaretto introduced Management Specialist Julia James and thanked staff for their contributions, gave an overview of the proposed Budget, explained that a discussion on the Mission Playhouse will be held for Council at a later date, and thanked the voters who approved Measure SG without whom the City would be looking at draconian cuts in the wake of COVID-19 effects.

The staff presentation was made by Management Specialist Julia James.

The following members of the public provided comments in support of retaining funding for the Historic Preservation Ordinance in the 2020-21 Budget: Senya Lubisich, Chair of the Historic Preservation and Cultural Resources Commission and resident; Isela Bowles, resident; Camila Lopez, resident; Ashely Hernandez, resident; and Eloy Zarate.

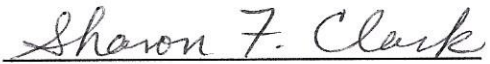
Discussion included commendation to Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck for the savings realized in Public Works under his direction; transit occupancy tax (TOT) calculations; property tax inflow; use of Measure R and Senate Bill (SB) 1/Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act funds; 2021 estimated gas tax revenue; animal control cost increases; funding for the Chamber of Commerce; concern about whether revenue estimates are conservative enough; Mission Playhouse event revenue; Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust contributions; freezing vacant positions for six months; various additional cost-savings options not included in the budget; virtual events in lieu of traditional events; costs for street maintenance; details of the proposed signal-control system; and the public facility maintenance line item including a police station addition funded by restricted-use development impact fees.

Discussion continued on the increase in the amount for insurance premium costs; general fund spending required for certain projects before gas tax funds kick in; savings and other benefits for using in-house staff rather than consultants for Public Works projects; elements that may be included for the street infrastructure budget amount; Metro project-funding, timing, and functionality details; cell tower considerations; frequency of future budget reviews; prioritization when filling staff positions; the need for an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce if funding is continued; the desire to continue funding for the Historic Preservation Ordinance; and future discussions on funding for the retirement fund, street improvements, new Police facility, and Mission Playhouse during development of the next strategic plan.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



SHARON F. CLARK, Chief City Clerk

Approved this 2nd day of June, 2020:



DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor