



**MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2020  
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 5:04 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 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, Interim Finance Director Kenneth Louie, and Assistant City Clerk Marilyn Bonus.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Chastity Jennings-Nuñez provided comments regarding the Justice for George Floyd Briefing presented at the June 2, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 10-POINT PLAN FOR RECOVERY, RESILIENCY, AND REINVESTMENT ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS WITH CDBG SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING**

The staff report was presented by Management Assistant Claudia Gelin.

Clarification discussion included staff hours and cost for staff to administrate the program; using a consultant would mean less money for residents or businesses; how staff determined proposed allocations; business grants for Asian Youth Center (AYC) and small businesses; and staff's capacity to administer the program.

An un-named commenter provided questions regarding housing grants.

Sean McMorris, resident, provided comments in support of the staff recommendation and commended the Asian Youth Center for doing a wonderful job in the community.

Discussion included state and federal funds that may be available; paying grant monies directly to the landlord rather than the tenant; mask and sanitizer donations received and requested; application process for grants and timing for the program; community spending coupon program; priority for businesses to open; a lottery to choose grant recipients; tracking mechanism for grant criteria adherence; and outreach suggestions.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Vice Mayor Liao, to approve the allocation of \$186,148 in CDBG supplemental funding to the Housing Relief Program, Small Business Grant Program, and Senior Meal Program, direct staff to administer the programs, and increase the expenditure appropriation and revenue accounts accordingly in Fund 185.

*Motion approved New Business Item 2A as presented by a vote of 5-0 as follows:*

AYES: DING, HARRINGTON, PU, LIAO, MENCHACA  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

## **B. FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The staff report was presented by Management Specialist Julia James.

Clarifying discussion included the value of membership in various regional organizations.

The following provided comments in support of reducing funding for the Police Department in favor of various other options: Alejandra Benavides; Stacy Ruiz; Emily Scannell, resident; Gabriel Frank-McPheter, Gabrielino High School student and June 6<sup>th</sup> protest organizer; Chloe Tan, resident; Cathy Nguyen, resident; Andrew Gamba, resident; Jorge De La Cruz, resident; Bianca Lua, resident; Andrew Phu, resident; Christopher Rivera, resident; Winston Smith, resident; Emma Sieh, resident; Melanie Pham, resident; Cindy Kreeck; Nathan Mendoza, resident; Alvin Gip, resident; Samantha del Pozo, resident; Theresa Thuy, resident; Alden Do, resident; Elizabeth Campos, resident; Joshua Raymundo; Bellini Martinez, resident; Austin Raymundo, resident; Nathan Villavicenico, resident; Angelica Lujan, resident; Joyce Truong; Arturo Quinonez, resident; Tamara Dang, resident; Neil McMaster, resident; Jessica Dong, resident; Jerry Kong, resident; Vivian Sam, resident and prior student of the SGUSD; Meggie Nguyen, resident; Rosalynn Luong, resident; and Brinca Siow, resident.

The following provided comments in opposition to reducing funding for the Police Department: Christine Tureaud; Lynn Snowden, resident; Sue Fitzsimmons; Charmaine Liccardi, resident; Bradford Snowden; Maureen Dizon, resident; and Patty Rodriguez, resident.

Michael Schutz, resident, provided comments in opposition to funding the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

Harry Baldwin and Mary Cammarano, former San Gabriel City Council Members, provided comments in support of funding membership for the League of California Cities, National League of Cities, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Chasity Jennings-Nuñez provided comments requesting that funding for the Police Department be maintained and not increased, the Community Services budget not be decreased, administrative costs be cut, and that in-person summer camps and programs be allowed to open.

Ethan Tan provided comments requesting that the percentage of budget allocation for the Police, Community Services and Public Works Departments be reformulated in favor of the latter two departments.

Kevin Diep, resident, provided questions regarding the stimulus package.

Ryan Qu, resident, provided comments requesting an increase in funding for the Police Department.

Discussion included: Police Department funding allocation; clarification that the Police Department is already working with mental health professionals; Council's responsibility to protect the citizens in relation to reducing the Police Department budget; the value of membership in various regional organizations and associated agreements; funding related to the Historic Preservation Ordinance; timing and facilitation for a new strategic plan; methodology for budget cuts if they are needed; reducing the travel and conference budget for council members; conversations with the community about Police funding and related issues; cultural changes in the organization that have already occurred; budget challenges due to COVID-19; the Budget as a planning document requiring periodic adjustments; value of community engagement in revising City organizational structure and the timing required for adopting this Budget; lack of discretionary funds; and engaging more with the community.

There was a majority of the Council in agreement to reduce the individual council member travel and conference budget to \$3000 each; remove the proposed amount for a new strategic plan; retain the funding for memberships in various regional organizations; and retain the proposed amount for the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Mayor Menchaca, to make the following changes to the proposed budget:

1. Reduce the individual Council Member travel and conference budget to \$3000 each; and
2. Remove the amount proposed for a new strategic plan.

*Motion carried by a vote of 5-0 as follows:*

AYES: DING, HARRINGTON, PU, LIAO, MENCHACA  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**C. RESOLUTION NO. 20-31 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL RESPONDING TO RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD, AND STATING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR (A) THE PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY OF PERSONS PROTESTING AND COMMUNICATING FOLLOWING THE EVENTS, AND (B) THE REVIEW OF PRACTICES AND POLICIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Mayor Menchaca presented the agenda report.

The following provided comments in support of adopting the proposed resolution: Chasity Jennings-Nuñez; David Localio, resident; Teresa Eilers, Everyone In, United Way; Sean McMorris, resident; Cheri Cabot, resident; and Gabriel Frank-McPheter. Comments were also provided by Frank Chavez, resident; and an un-named commenter.

Discussion included a desire for specificity in the resolution wording; the resolution as a statement of intent for the benefit of the San Gabriel community; commendation for the peaceful protest held in the City; the resolution as a first step; differing opinions on wording for various sections of the resolution; removal of the word "any" in the last phrase of Section 4; commendation for the San Gabriel protest organizers; and showing love for the community.

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Ding, to adopt **Resolution No. 20-31** as amended to remove the word "any" from the last phrase of Section 4.

*Motion approved New Business Item 2C as amended by a vote of 5-0 as follows:*

AYES:	DING, HARRINGTON, PU, LIAO, MENCHACA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
SHARON F. CLARK, Chief City Clerk

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020:

  
DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor