



**MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2019
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pu called the regular meeting of the San Gabriel City Council to order at 6:41 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Costanzo.

ROLL CALL

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

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; Interim Finance Director Paula Chamberlain, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Edward Macias, and Administrative Assistant II Jessica Zhao.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Council Member Liao, to approve the agenda order as presented.

Motion approved Agenda Order by a vote of 5-0 as follows:

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. RECOGNITION OF LA GARDENIA MEAT MARKET

Presentation was made by Mayor Pu.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to the Oropeza Family by Field Supervisor Cindy Lee representing Congresswoman Judy Chu; District Director

Giselle Sorial representing Senator Susan Rubio; and Assistant Field Deputy Christian Daly representing Los Angeles County 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

B. RECOGNITION OF CLARO'S ITALIAN MARKETS, INC.

Presentation was made by Mayor Pu.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to the Claro Family by Field Supervisor Cindy Lee representing Congresswoman Judy Chu; District Director Giselle Sorial representing Senator Susan Rubio; and Assistant Field Deputy Christian Daly representing Los Angeles County 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

C. PROCLAMATION FOR CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE-WALK TO LOS ANGELES

Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Perez provided details and noted that the proclamation will be presented to the City of Los Angeles at the event, in recognition of our shared history.

D. CAMP SG HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation was made by Police Chief Harris.

E. INTRODUCTION OF POLICE OFFICER ESTHER TSE

Presentation was made by Police Chief Harris and the Oath of Allegiance was administered by Chief City Clerk Clark.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sylvia Ramos, resident, expressed appreciation of the Oropeza Family and La Gardenia Meat Market, expressed condolences to the Claro Family, and congratulated Officer Tse.

Fabian Valdez, La Casa Community Center Board Member, commented on the services La Casa offers, announced its annual fund-raising dinner to be held on October 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the San Gabriel Hilton, and solicited donations from the community.

Brandon Tran, representing Stand Against Plastic Straws non-profit, encouraged businesses and consumers to be environmentally responsible by using biodegradable and re-usable plastic straws.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items B, E, and H were pulled by Mayor Pu for separate discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Liao, seconded by Vice Mayor Menchaca, to approve Consent Calendar items 4A, 4C, 4D, 4F, and 4G as presented.

Motion approved Consent Calendar items 4A, 4C, 4D, 4F, and 4G as presented by a vote of 5-0 as follows:

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

Regarding item 4B, Mayor Pu requested more information about Voucher #123802 on page 12 of the July 19, 2019 register. Interim Finance Director Chamberlain responded that it is probably an iBank Loan payment and that she will provide confirmation and change the description to provide greater clarity.

Regarding item 4E, in response to Mayor's Pu's inquiry as to the expanded scope of work, Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck and Principal Engineer Angela Cheng explained that it was to make several of the concrete ramps in the project area ADA compliant, add cross gutters, extend curbs and gutters around ramps, and extend pavement limits.

Regarding item 4H, Mayor Pu noted that only 4 houses of 13 signed the street closure form. Council Member Costanzo responded that this is a periodic event, the organizer has always been responsible and there has never been a problem, and that more than four families are involved in the event.

A motion was made by Mayor Pu, seconded by Council Member Costanzo, to approve item 4D with the exclusion of the July 19, 2019 Register; and items 4E and 4H as presented.

Motion approved Consent Calendar items 4D as designated, 4E, and 4H by a vote of 5-0 as follows:

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council approved the following:

1. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of July 16, 2019.
2. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of July 18, 2019.

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS

City Council approved the July 3, 2019, July 11, 2019, July 26, 2019, and August 1, 2019, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

C. CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT – JULY 2019

City Council approved the Cash and Investment Report for the month of July 2019.

D. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-35 AND 19-36 SETTING THE RATE AND AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR RETIREMENT TAX LEVY

City Council adopted **Resolution No. 19-35** setting the tax rate at 14 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, and **Resolution 19-36** fixing the amount of property taxes to be generated for the City's employees' retirement cost for fiscal year 2019-20.

E. GREAT STREETS PROGRAM (PROJECT #1-08-35) CHANGE PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST (CONTRACT NO. 18-05)

City Council:

1. Approved the use of \$125,567.14 of Great Streets Program project funding for the cost overrun of the Great Streets Program.
2. Authorized staff to approve a Change Purchase Order Request for Purchase Order number 8011 in the amount of \$125,567.14

F. CONTRACT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION FOR UNIFORM SERVICE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

City Council approved the three-year Contract with Cintas Uniform Service and approved a Purchase Order in the amount not to exceed \$16,500 per year from accounts 1221-800-02-43-000 (\$14,500) and 137-800-01-43-000 (\$2000).

G. BANNER REQUEST- ALHAMBRA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

City Council granted the request subject to compliance with Section 153.334 (A) of the Municipal Code and the street banner conditions as listed on page 2 of the street banner application form.

H. RESOLUTION NO. 19-37 FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE OF BRIDGE STREET, FROM SYCAMORE DRIVE TO THE NORTH END OF BRIDGE STREET ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

City Council adopted **Resolution No. 19-37** authorizing closure of Bridge Street from Sycamore Drive to the north end of Bridge Street from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 1, 2019.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-31 TO UPDATE THE CITY'S CITYWIDE (MASTER) FEE SCHEDULE

Chief City Clerk Clark announced that this item was continued from the July 16, 2019, Regular City Council meeting and that staff requests that the Public Hearing be closed, and the item rescheduled to be heard at a later time.

Mayor Pu closed the public hearing.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY-WIDE SPEED HUMP POLICY CONSIDERATION

Presentation was made by Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck.

Brian H. Jones, resident on Country Club Drive, provided an update that the opinion of the residents on Country Club Drive toward speed humps has changed significantly due to the information presented at the last City Council meeting. They sent out a ballot to the 13 affected residents with a response of 6 against, and 3 in favor of speed humps; 8 of 8 respondents in favor of radar speed indicators and of improvement of safety conditions surrounding the corner of Roses Road and Country Club Drive; 75% for and 25% against resurfacing of the road; and 2 people responded to leave everything as it is. 50% were in favor of cost support for radar speed indicators, and 50% were

against. In conclusion, he commented that the residents appreciate the City's efforts in this matter.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Liao, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to approve the City-Wide Speed Hump Policy.

Motion approved New Business item 6A by a vote of 5-0 as follows:

AYES: COSTANZO, HARRINGTON, LIAO, MENCHACA, PU

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck invited residents to contact him with alternate solution ideas.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BALANCED ENERGY SOLUTIONS AND LOCAL CONTROL OF ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Presentation was made by City Manager Lazzaretto.

Council Members Harrington, Costanzo, and Liao, Vice Mayor Menchaca, and Mayor Pu expressed support for the resolution.

Following discussion, there was a consensus of the Council to amend the resolution as follows:

- Strike the phrase, "to power buildings and public and private fleets, including transit and long-haul trucking," in the second Whereas paragraph.
- Strike the phrase, "in a highly-competitive and increasingly regional and global marketplace," in the fourth Whereas paragraph.
- Strike the phrase, "suppress innovation, reduce reliability and unnecessarily increase costs for San Gabriel residents and businesses," in the sixth Whereas paragraph.
- In the tenth paragraph, after, "eliminate local control," add the phrase, "and consumer and business choice."

A motion was made by Mayor Pu, seconded by Council Member Costanzo, to adopt **Resolution No. 19-39** supporting a model resolution for maintaining local control of energy solutions, as amended.

Motion approved New Business item 6B as amended, by a vote of 5-0 as follows:

AYES: COSTANZO, HARRINGTON, LIAO, MENCHACA, PU

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen Romero Shaw, Public Affairs Manager for the Southern California Gas Company, expressed her appreciation for the City Council's adoption of the resolution in favor of energy choice.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Lazzaretto reported that September 3, 2019 is highly likely to be the first day to have the City's new Finance Director on board. He explained that Interim Finance Director Chamberlain would be staying on for several weeks to help with special projects and he wanted to thank her publically and personally for all of her help. She stepped in during a difficult time for the City, and beyond her core efficiencies and competencies and being a great Finance Director, she created trust with the Council, got along with department heads quickly, lead her staff well, and put in many extra hours.

Interim Finance Director Chamberlain expressed thanks for the option to work here and that she has enjoyed it; and stated that there is an excellent team here, and that both her Finance staff and the department heads are wonderful.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Council Member Harrington thanked staff and the Police and Fire Departments for an excellent National Night Out event.

Vice Mayor Menchaca commended the National Night Out event; reported on her attendance at the ground-breaking ceremonies for the YMCA's Children's Center and Rubio Village project, and grand-opening ceremony for the Marshall Satellite Police Station; recognized Library Manager Julie Sorensen and the San Gabriel branch of the Los Angeles County Library for hosting a Beatles cover band; and announced that La Casa Preschool has open enrollment and is still accepting young students.

Council Member Costanzo commented that there is a lot going on in San Gabriel and a lot to be proud of, and reported on her attendance at a San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector Control District Board of Trustees meeting.

Council Member Liao reported on his attendance at a Community Safety Seminar at the Rosemead Community Center and at a National Summit on Infrastructure in Pittsburg.


Mayor Pu reported on his attendance at a City Council meeting with Los Angeles County 5th District Supervisor Kathryn Barger; a meeting called by Assembly Member Ed Chau with Senator Susan Rubio regarding the 710 freeway stubs; a dedication ceremony at Plaza Park commemorating a sign designating the convergence of the Old Spanish Road, El Camino Real and De Anza trails; and Congresswoman Judy Chu's Congressional Leadership Awards at which the San Gabriel-based Chinese Parents' Association for the Disabled received an award. He commented on Fairview-Con; National Night Out; Rubio Village Ground-breaking; Marshall Park Police Satellite Station; San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) Board special meeting; San Gabriel Historical Association dinner; and a 2020 Census Meeting at which the campaign name of We Count SG was adopted. In closing, he announced that the Mission Playhouse has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and thanked the staff and community members who made it happen.

10. CLOSED SESSION – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

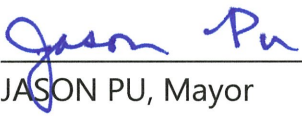
Mayor Pu adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. in memory of Frank Claro.

Respectfully submitted:



JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 3rd day of September, 2019:



JASON PU, Mayor