



**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 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 6:33 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 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 Mayor Pu.

**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 Fire Chief Steven Wallace; Management Specialist/Acting Finance Director Paula Chamberlain, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Edward Macias, and Assistant City Clerk Marilyn Bonus.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Vice Mayor Menchaca, to approve the agenda order.

*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. INTRODUCTION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II ERIKA ORTIZ**

Presentation was made by Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Arminé Chaparyan.

## **B. ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Presentation was made by Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Rebecca Perez.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian H. Jones, resident, expressed appreciation for the assistance he received from Police Chief Harris and Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck related to traffic problems on Country Club Drive.

Chuck Myers, resident, expressed concern about the funds budgeted to complete the historic preservation ordinance project.

### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 4H was pulled by member of the public Chris Bingham for separate discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Costanzo, seconded by Council Member Liao, to approve Consent Calendar items 4A – 4G as presented.

*Motion approved Consent Calendar items 4A – 4G as presented 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 Special Meeting of September 17, 2019.

### **B. MATERIAL DEMANDS**

City Council approved the September 6, 2019, and September 12, 2019, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

### **C. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 654 AMENDING TITLE XI, SECTION 110 THE SAN GABRIEL MUNICIPAL CODE- BUSINESS LICENSES**

City Council waived full reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 654** entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Gabriel, California, Amending Chapter 110 of the San Gabriel Municipal Code Regarding General Business Licenses."

### **D. CALIFORNIA FOR ALL - COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) AND LISTOS CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT**

City Council adopted **Resolution No. 19-46**, increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations (transfer out) in the Other Grants Fund (186) by \$20,000 to receipt and transfer the funds and increasing the revenue estimate (transfer in) and appropriations by \$20,000 in Capital/Special Project Funds (account number 124-761-57-96-341); and authorized the Interim Fire Chief to accept the California For

All CERT and LISTOS Capacity Building Grant and purchase the items within the confines of the City's purchasing policy.

**E. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 653 – ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE SAN GABRIEL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (PLANNING CASE NO. ZTA19-001)**

City Council waived full reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 653** entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Gabriel, California, Amending Chapter 153 (Zoning Code) of the San Gabriel Municipal Code Relating to the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUS)."

**F. RESOLUTION NO. 19-40 FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FOR BLOCK PARTY - 371 N. DUANE AVENUE**

City Council adopted **Resolution No. 19-40** authorizing closure of the 300 block of North Duane Avenue between Sycamore Drive and Adelyn Drive from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

**G. RESOLUTION NO. 19-44 FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE AT 851 E. GRAND AVENUE BETWEEN GLADYS AND THE RUBIO WASH ON OCTOBER 5, 2019**

City Council adopted **Resolution No. 19-44** authorizing closure of Grand Avenue between Charlotte Avenue and the Rubio Wash from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

**H. LS-1 OPTION E AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) TO REPLACE HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM VAPOR STREET LIGHTS WITH LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE (LED) STREET LIGHTS CITYWIDE**

Chris Bingham, resident, expressed concern about the color and brightness of the replacement street lights, and his preference for a warm color value.

City Manager Lazzaretto responded that staff will be talking to Council tonight about having brighter light in commercial areas, and warmer in residential areas.

Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck explained that Edison gave the City a choice of 3000 and 4000 Kelvin lights for LED, and staff plans to go with 3000 for residential which is a soft white-yellow. The 4000 for commercial areas is closer to the white spectrum, but on the yellow side, far from the blue-white that is very bright.

Discussion included cost-savings estimates, maintenance, light-shielding in neighborhoods, incentives from Edison, future light replacement, and future energy conservation for City facilities.

A motion was made by Council Member Liao, seconded by Vice Mayor Menchaca, to approve Consent Calendar item 4H as presented.

*Motion approved Consent Calendar item 4H as presented by a vote of 5-0 as follows:*

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

City Council:

1. Approved an LS-1 Option E agreement with SCE to replace High Pressure Sodium Vapor (HPSV) street lights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) street lights.
2. Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute the Southern California Edison Company Schedule LS-1 Option E, Energy Efficiency-Light Emitting Diode Fixture Replacement Rate Agreement.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Presentation was made by Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Arminé Chaparyan.

Mayor Pu opened the public comment period.

Priscilla Geddis, resident, described coyote encounters in her neighborhood and expressed her desire for the City to have local control by hiring a professional instead of hiring a new group to study the issue.

John Geddis, resident, expressed concerns about indemnification, termination provisions, and specificity of services provided in the MOA.

Sue Fitzsimmons, resident, expressed her opposition to approval of the MOA and her preference for the City to spend the money in other ways.

Mayor Pu closed the public comment period.

Discussion included concerns about not receiving enough service/value for the price of the agreement, lack of specificity for services to be provided, termination provisions, whether information gained under the agreement will be available to the public, and paying for information that is already available; the need for a regional approach; value of participation versus cost for City staff time; a one-year versus a two-year agreement; hotline details; trapping options; resident practices that affect coyote behavior; coyote behavior; desire for education for school children and possible involvement of the Police Department's School Community Engagement Team (SCET); the evolving nature of the new program; and communication to the City regarding threat levels.

A motion was made by Mayor Pu, seconded by Vice Mayor Menchaca, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) for Participation in the Coyote Management Implementation Plan, subject to an added condition that the COG will consult with the City in identifying and determining any threat levels to the City; authorize the City Manager to execute the MOA; and authorize \$10,000 to be transferred to from the General Fund contingency account to pay for the implementation of the agreement.

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-2 as follows:*

AYES: LIAO, MENCHACA, PU  
NOES: COSTANZO, HARRINGTON

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

## **B. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Presentation was made by Planning Manager Tracy Steinkruger.

Mayor Pu opened the public comment period.

Chuck Myers, resident, advocated making use of the people who have the best knowledge and suggested leaving the bulk of the responsibility with Planning Manager Steinkruger and Commission Chair Senya Lubisich.

Senya Lubisich, resident, speaking as Chair of the Commission, commented that the ordinance is good, strong and clear, and commissioners are benefiting from training in-house and from the California Preservation Foundation. She stated that it is helpful when staff directs the Commission's attention to items moving through the Planning and Design Review Commissions, along with the quarterly update on projects that are proposed or underway. She emphasized the importance of the inventory for the Commission's review purview, and conveyed the Commission's agreement with the staff report suggestion to have projects within the boundaries of the Mission District Specific Plan brought to the Commission for review. In conclusion, she stated that while it's appropriate to revisit the ordinance, at this time, a Zone Text Amendment is not necessary as it is premature to change the roles and responsibilities of the Commission when the tools of the Context Statement and Inventory are not yet in place.

Marcello Vavala of the Los Angeles Conservancy, commented on the City's milestones in preservation, outlined assistance the Conservancy offers, stated that the City is doing well with the best practices outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance, agreed it is too soon for a Zone Text Amendment, and offered alternate suggestions.

Paul Padilla, resident, commented that it is wonderful to have an historic preservation ordinance, agreed that a Zone Text Amendment is not needed, stated he would like to see the historic context statement and the inventory get done in order to be eligible for more funding, and expressed his desire for the City to continue working with the L.A. Conservancy as a resource for staff and Council.

Mayor Pu closed the public comment period.

Discussion included the timeline for various elements of the historic preservation process; actions the Commission can take without a Zone Text Amendment; outreach to developers; and discretionary and advisory powers of the Commission.

### **RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Pu recessed the meeting at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m. with all Council Members present.

## **B. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION (Continued)**

Discussion continued on the frequency of Commission meetings; capacity of staff and the Commission to take on more work; timing and funding for the Context

Statement; methods to complete the inventory; prematurity of making changes with such a new Commission; and a resolution with direction to the development community.

Mayor Pu, Vice Mayor Menchaca, and Council Members Costanzo and Liao agreed to stay the course with no action needed at this time.

There was a consensus of the City Council to receive and file the report.

### **C. PRESENTATION ON THE PUBLIC WORKS CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

City Manager Lazzaretto introduced the item by commending staff for their responsiveness to the community and Council. He expressed that he had a concern about how staff being reactive versus proactive could potentially affect productivity. However, through Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck's great job on hires and promotions, he has done an incredible job implementing a preventative and proactive maintenance program which has dropped community requests by half or more. City Manager Lazzaretto expressed his desire to have behind-the-scenes departments present information to Council, which led to tonight's presentation.

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

There were no public comments.

Council Members thanked Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck for his leadership and a job well-done. A brief discussion on stormwater matters followed.

There was a consensus of the City Council to receive and file the Update.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – None.

### **9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS**

Council Member Costanzo announced the Dumplings & Beer event on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Council Member Liao reported on his attendance at the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual concert of a concert he started in the San Gabriel Village, and the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chinatown services; and announced that for the next ENR District meeting, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District would be invited to speak about possible PFAS contamination.

Vice Mayor Menchaca reported that she and Council Member Harrington are continuing to meet with Athens Services which has been very productive and she is looking forward to be able to share that on a future agenda item; and congratulated Mayor Pu and City staff on the State of the City presentation.

Council Member Harrington announced the Dumplings & Beer event on October 4, 2019, and the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 5, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Pu reported on his attendance at an 88-City Summit put on by the L.A. Economic Development Corporation; Council of Governments Board meeting at which

the Board voted to support the SR60 route for the Gold Line East-Side Extension, the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Gala, State of the City, and the L.A. County Mayors Gathering. He announced that the Metro Board voted to approve Round 2 of 710 funding, and thanked Public Works Director/City Engineer de Vinck for attending that Board meeting. In conclusion, he reported that the Census Complete Count Committee met last Thursday and was well-attended.

**10. CLOSED SESSION** – None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pu adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019:

  
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JASON PU, Mayor