



**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 19, 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 Liao.

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 Liao, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to approve the agenda order. Hearing no objection, Mayor Pu announced that the agenda order was approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AUTO THEFT RECOGNITION

Presentation was made by Police Captain Fabian Valdez.

B. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VIDEO

Presentation was made by Police Chief Eugene Harris.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rae Huang submitted a speaker's request card but was not present to speak.

The following speakers requested that the City Council enact a moratorium on no-fault evictions prior to new legislation enacting the same that goes into effect January 1, 2020: Teresa Eilers, United Way of Greater Los Angeles; Sean McMorris, resident, who also submitted a written comment; Eric Sunada; and Paul Padilla, resident.

Chi Chang expressed dissatisfaction with his experience protesting a parking violation.

Mayor Pu noted for those advocating during public comment for the no-fault eviction moratorium that the matter will be addressed during Council comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pu noted a correction to the Minutes of the November 5, 2019 Regular Meeting that the approval of the agenda order was motioned by Council Member Harrington and seconded by Council Member Liao. He requested that detail be added regarding questions asked by Council Member Liao related to item 4E, along with the motion, second, and vote for that item.

A motion was made by Council Member Liao, seconded by Vice Mayor Menchaca, to approve Consent Calendar item 4A as amended and items 4B – 4F as presented.

Motion approved Consent Calendar items 4A as amended and 4B – 4F 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 Regular Meeting of November 5, 2019.

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS

City Council approved the October 25, 2019, and November 1, 2019, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

C. CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT — OCTOBER 2019

City Council approved the Cash and Investment Report – October 2019.

D. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 655 – ADOPTION OF THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING AND FIRE CODES

City Council waived reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 655**.

E. SENATE BILL 2 (SB 2) PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM RESOLUTION NO. 19-57

City Council adopted **Resolution No. 19-57** authorizing application for, and receipt of, SB 2 Planning Grants Program Funds.

F. RESOLUTION NO. 19-55 FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE AT 400 WEST BROADWAY BETWEEN SANTA ANITA STREET AND JUNIPERO PLACE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2020

City Council adopted **Resolution No. 19-55** authorizing closure of Broadway between Santa Anita Street and Junipero Place from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY OF SAN GABRIEL ANALYSIS OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Presentation was made by Police Captain Fabian Valdez.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included parking violation revenue amount variations from year to year; yearly increases for contract services with InterCon; parking enforcement in-house versus by contract; factors that determine revenue amounts; non-response to the City's Request for Proposals (RFP); the basis for vendor fee increases and year-to-year variations; and parking enforcement models used by other cities.

There was a consensus of the City Council to receive and file the report and to revisit the item in June 2020.

B. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Presentation was made by Interim Fire Chief Wallace and Management Specialist/Acting Finance Director Chamberlain.

Mayor Pu opened the public comment period.

Helen Yuan, resident, and Carina Rivera, resident, spoke in favor of conversion to Los Angeles County for fire services.

Kirk Goltermann, President of the San Gabriel Firefighters Association (FFA), spoke in favor of conversion to Los Angeles County for fire services on behalf of himself and the following FFA Members who were also present: Antonio Negrete, John Adkins, Philip Apparis, Hrag Jivalegian, Cuong Tran, Chris Backley, Jacob Gustafson, Michael Rebolledo, Greg Kernodle, and Sean Irwin.

Sally Baldwin, resident, commended the good service she has received from the San Gabriel Fire Department and its community involvement, expressed concern about what response time would be with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and stated she wants the best for the San Gabriel Fire Department and the City.

Discussion included a comparison of San Gabriel Fire Department (SGFD) and Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) service models relative to position titles and duties, Advanced Life Saving (ALS) and Basic Life Saving (BLS) services, mutual aid, response time, equipment capabilities related to larger and higher development projects, community engagement, and financial impacts related to retirement unfunded liability; development fees to support Fire Department equipment needs; auto-aid agreements and LACFD response relative to regional emergencies; the City's Fire Station repair obligations under a County service model; contractual guarantees on what costs the County could and could not pass on to the City; fee caps and roll-overs; and property tax distribution to County Fire District cities versus contract cities.

Discussion continued on means of ensuring payment under the County model; the City's use of mutual aid being consistent with similarly-sized cities; the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency yearly audit on the SGFD paramedic program which found SGFD is doing very well; stakeholder and community outreach regarding the consideration of conversion to LACFD; personnel transfer subsequent to conversion; SGFD has no outstanding environmental hazard abatement issues; restrictions on the use of retirement tax funds; and concern about hidden costs and increases that cannot be negotiated under a County contract.

Following additional discussion on financial considerations and a five-year strategic plan the SGFD is preparing relative to the option of keeping fire services in-house, a motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Council Member Costanzo to receive and file the report and to defer a decision on annexation of the Fire Department into the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County until after the results of the sales tax measure are known when there is a clearer understanding of the City's financial picture.

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

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Li'i Furumoto of Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles spoke in favor of the City enacting a moratorium on no-fault evictions prior to new legislation enacting the same that goes into effect January 1, 2020

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Mayor Pu requested that the City Council schedule a special meeting to consider an urgency ordinance placing a moratorium on evictions as advocated for by numerous public speakers at tonight's meeting. There was a consensus of the City Council to schedule the special meeting for November 21, 2019, at 7:00 a.m.

Mayor Pu reported that the City was a finalist for the Eddy awards but did not win, and commended and thanked staff for their efforts. He announced that meetings for the Lunar New Year event have begun, reported that he will be attending the San Gabriel

Valley Council of Governments (COG) Transportation and General Board meetings on November 21, 2019, and commented that the Elections Investigation Report from 2013 had been located and redacted, and is available for review.

Council Member Harrington thanked staff and participants for a well-attended Turkey Trot event; wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving; reminded the community of the Tree-Lighting in Plaza Park on December 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.; and requested that staff prepare an analysis of changes to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) requirements pursuant to AB-68.

Vice Mayor Menchaca requested an update on the timeline for the sales tax measure informational campaign, and reported that she had written a letter of recommendation as Vice Mayor relative to the Strategic, Tactical, Resilient Interdiction of Violent Extremism (STRIVE) conference she previously reported on.

Council Member Costanzo commented on a great Turkey Trot event and that it was great to see everyone at the meeting tonight.

Council Member Liao reported on his attendance at a seminar put on by the Minority Business Development Agency and Small Business Administration on how to survive natural disasters, and the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award event at the Sheraton.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Pu recessed the meeting at 9:54 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 10:05 p.m.

10. CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (§ 54957)

Title: City Manager

There was no reportable action.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pu adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 3rd day of December, 2019:

JASON PU, Mayor