



**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Menchaca called the regular meeting of the San Gabriel City Council to order at 6:32 P.M. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Liao.

**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, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Arminé Chaparyan, City Attorney Keith Lemieux, 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, Finance Director William Kaholokula, and Assistant City Clerk Marilyn Bonus.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief City Clerk Clark provided information for the public on how to view the meeting and submit comments, and how to request meeting agendas.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Menchaca announced the agenda order was approved.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Mayor Menchaca made the presentation.

**B. COVID-19 BRIEFING**

The presentation was made by Fire Chief Wallace and Police Chief Harris.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Director Valerie Munoz, representing cities with Non-Pumping Rights, provided comments as the City's representative about an upcoming update for city officials on March 4, 2021, and gave topic information.

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chief City Clerk Clark requested that Item 4A(2), Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2021, be approved as amended in the first sentence under Consent Calendar to add Council Member Pu's name.

Regarding Item 4E, Council Member Pu requested the addition of the American Rescue Plan to the COVID-19 section of the Legislative Platform.

Regarding Item 4D, Vice Mayor Liao requested multiple languages for the informational flyer and the hotline recording.

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Vice Mayor Liao, to approve Consent Calendar Items 4A and 4E as amended and 4B – 4D as presented.

*Motion approved Consent Calendar Items 4A and 4E as amended and 4B – 4D as presented by a vote of 5-0 as follows:*

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

#### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The City Council approved:

1. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of February 2, 2021.
2. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of February 2, 2021.

#### **B. MATERIAL DEMANDS**

The City Council approved the January 21, 2021, and January 28, 2021, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

#### **C. CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2021**

The City Council received and filed the Cash and Investment Report for January 2021 in conformance with the City's adopted 2020-21 Investment Policy.

#### **D. FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE HOTLINE**

The City Council approved the creation of a Fraud, Waste, and Abuse hotline.

#### **E. CITY OF SAN GABRIEL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2021 FINAL DRAFT**

The City Council adopted the amended final draft of the City of San Gabriel Legislative Platform 2021.

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARING – None.**

#### **6. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

##### **A. CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH FIRST TRANSIT FOR DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE**

The staff presentation was made by Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Perez.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included that the extension period will be through June 20, 2021, and the possibility of billing insurance companies for Dial-a-Ride services.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Mayor Menchaca, to approve the Amendment to Dial-A-Ride Transportation Services Agreement with First Transit and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

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

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

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE**

The staff presentation was made by Finance Director Kaholokula. City Manager Lazzaretto commented on the general fund's contribution to Mission Playhouse expenses.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included whether another budget amendment is indicated before the end of the fiscal year; kudos to staff for savings achieved; content details for the Non-Departmental category; worker's compensation cost changes; increase in Fire Department expenditures for overtime; possible funding from the American Rescue Plan and how it could be used; itemizing retirement costs; Other Revenue category amount changes; franchise tax revenue; and pension obligation bonds.

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

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Ten provided questions inquiring about official findings from the investigation on the San Gabriel Mission fire, and about an increase of deaths at Pine Grove Healthcare & Wellness Center, LP congregate facility.

## **9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Lazzaretto announced that Herald Christian Health Center is offering free rapid COVID-19 tests on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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

Vice Mayor Liao reported attending seminars on Senate Bill 1383 regarding recovery of organic waste.

Council Member Pu requested that the Black History Month Proclamation be posted on the City's Facebook feed, thanked Community Services staff for the virtual Lunar New Year celebration, and wished everyone good fortune and wealth on this fifth day of the Lunar New Year.

Council Member Ding suggested links to Black History and Lunar New Year websites to help the community understand and respect each other, and wished all a Happy Lunar New Year, health, and wealth.

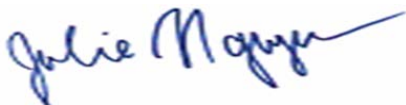
Mayor Menchaca announced that she had tested positive for COVID-19 and is now negative, thanked her City Council colleagues and City staff for their support and kindness during her recovery, and urged all to continue to take preventative actions; and expressed her wish that 2021 brings hope, prosperity and health.

**11. CLOSED SESSION – None.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Menchaca adjourned the meeting at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



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JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021:



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DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor