



**MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Liao called the regular meeting of the San Gabriel City Council to order at 6:31 P.M. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

DRAFT AUDIT BY BUREAU OF STATE AUDITS (Government Code Section 54956.75)

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Ding.

**ROLL CALL**

**Council Members Present:** John R. Harrington, Denise Menchaca, Jason Pu, Vice Mayor Tony Ding, and Mayor Chin Ho Liao.

**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.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

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

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

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

## 2. **PRESENTATIONS**

### A. **COVID-19 BRIEFING**

Fire Chief Wallace, Police Chief Harris, City Manager Lazzaretto, and Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Perez made the presentation.

### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

## 4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Member Pu pulled Item 4D for separate discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Menchaca, to approve Consent Calendar Items 4A– 4C and 4E as presented.

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

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

Regarding Item 4D, Monthly Budget Update, discussion included the City being in a better financial position than expected and the timing for possible budget amendments.

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Menchaca, to approve Item 4D as presented.

*Motion approved Consent Calendar Item 4D as presented, by a vote of 5-0 as follows:*

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

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

The City Council approved the following:

1. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of April 1, 2021, 5:30 P.M.
2. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of April 1, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
3. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of April 6, 2021.
4. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of April 6, 2021.

### B. **MATERIAL DEMANDS**

The City Council approved the March 25, 2021, and April 1, 2021, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

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

The City Council received and filed the Cash and Investment Report for March 2021.

**D. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE**

The City Council received and filed the report.

**E. ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 73908 (230 SOUTH SAN MARINO AVENUE) PLANNING CASE NO. TMAP20-004**

The City Council accepted Final Parcel Map No. 73908 and authorized filing with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**6. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**A. UPDATE ON ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

Economic Development Manager Domenica Megerdichian made the staff presentation.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included licensing compliance; service statistics; methodologies for license fee collection; cat licensing; feral cat management; euthanasia statistics; partnering for grant funding; citation process; and a license-fee amnesty option.

A motion was made by Council Member Menchaca, seconded by Council Member Pu, to move forward with a contract with San Gabriel Valley Humane Society for a full-service model for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and direct staff to return with a contract for approval prior to June 30, 2021 to include the improvements to the contract as recommended by the auditor and staff.

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

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

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Liao recessed the meeting at 8:05 P.M. and reconvened at 8:15 P.M. with all Council Members present.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CITY PENSIONS, PENSION LIABILITIES, AND STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS**

City Manager Lazzaretto introduced the item and the presentation was made by Finance Director Kaholokula and consultant Michael Busch, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Futures.

Clarification discussion included Section 115 Trust Account investment restrictions and fund management options, and pension obligation bond principal amount composition options.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included having a dedicated funding source and general fund position in relation to credit risk; structural opportunities and strategies to reduce later-term obligations; effects of refinancing the Public Works facility loan on credit rating and ability to issue bonds; timeline and prioritization of financing factors; differences in bonding Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability; judicial validation process; inability to prepay due to cash flow considerations; ability to bond less than the entire obligation amount; legal fees involved in issuing bonds; dedicating savings toward retirement and pension obligations; Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) historic rates of return; issuing bonds in separate tranches; restructuring the City's entire debt; the termination payment being prohibitive to exit the CalPERS plan; possibility for CalPERS to lower their discount rate and risk mitigation; lease-revenue plan options, if tax-override language allows; fiduciary responsibility of municipal advisors; scope of information that would be presented to the City Council prior to making a financial commitment; and having a comprehensive debt-relief plan.

There was a consensus of the City Council to have staff continue exploring options for bond-issuance and refinancing of the Public Works loan for consideration by the City Council.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – None.

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

Council Member Menchaca announced La Casa's virtual annual fundraising event on May 15, 2021, from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. and reported on a meeting of the League of California Cities Community Services Policy Committee.

Council Member Pu reported on meetings of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Committee, CareFirst, and the League of California Cities Board; and commented on the Derek Chauvin trial verdict and on the upcoming first meeting of the Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commission on April 28, 2021.

Vice Mayor Ding thanked City staff and his Council colleagues for a good discussion during the meeting.

Mayor Liao reported on meetings of the U.S. Congress of Mayors, a local mayors' group, and the California Transportation Policy Committee.

**11. CLOSED SESSION** – None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Liao adjourned the meeting at 10:59 P.M.

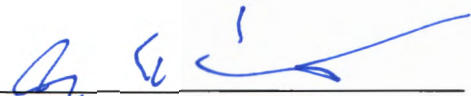
Respectfully submitted:



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JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021:



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CHIN HO LIAO, Mayor