



**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Mayor Ding called the regular meeting of the San Gabriel City Council to order at 6:32 P.M. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Menchaca.

**ROLL CALL**

**Council Members Present:** John R. Harrington, Denise Menchaca, and Vice Mayor Tony Ding.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Mark Lazzaretto, City Attorney Keith Lemieux, Community Services Director Rebecca Perez, Police Chief Eugene Harris, Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg de Vinck, Fire Chief Steven Wallace, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Edward Macias, Finance Director William Kaholokula, Community Development Director Aldo Cervantes, and Assistant City Clerk Marilyn Bonus.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Assistant City Clerk Bonus 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**

City Manager Lazzaretto requested that the Consent Calendar and New Business Item 7A be considered first, to allow for the arrival of elected officials participating in the remainder of the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Council Member Menchaca to reorder the agenda as requested.

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 as follows:*

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

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeffrey Welch, resident, quoted from Psalms 107 and Proverbs 11 and stated he feels God's favor is on the City of San Gabriel; and spoke favor, blessing, and wisdom on the City Council.

### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 as follows:*

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

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

The City Council approved the Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of February 1, 2022.

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

The City Council approved January 21, 2022, and January 27, 2022, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

#### **C. CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2022**

The City Council received and filed the Cash and Investment Report for January 2022.

#### **D. EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A FUNDS**

The City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement with the Foothill Transit Authority authorizing the exchange of \$1 million in Proposition A Funds for \$750,000 in General Fund revenue.

#### **E. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES FOR THE GRAPEVINE GUIDE PUBLICATION**

The City Council approved the Professional Services Agreement with Advantage Incorporated to provide printing and mailing services, and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.

### **5. PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

### **6. CONTINUED BUSINESS** – None.

### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. SECOND AMENDMENT TO CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL AND MARK LAZZARETTO**

City Attorney Lemieux made the staff presentation.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Council Member Menchaca, to approve the City Manager Employment Agreement between the City of San Gabriel and Mark Lazzaretto and the amended Authorized Salary Schedule incorporating the City Manager's updated base salary.

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 as follows:*

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

## **2. PRESENTATIONS**

### **C. PROCLAMATION FOR KIWANIS CLUB'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT**

Vice Mayor Ding made the presentation, and Kiwanis Scholarship Chair Dr. Chasity Jennings-Nunez accepted the proclamation.

### **D. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER CLARA TSANG**

City Manager Lazzaretto made the presentation.

### **E. COVID-19 UPDATE**

Presentations were made by Fire Chief Wallace and Police Chief Harris.

### **A. RECOGNITION OF FORMER MAYOR CHIN HO LIAO FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL**

Vice Mayor Ding thanked former Mayor Liao for his service to the community and provided biographical information.

The following provided recognition of former Mayor Liao's service:

- Congresswoman Judy Chu;
- Ms. Giselle Sorial from Senator Susan Rubio's office;
- Mr. Aldo Macias Arellano, Special Assistant, Field Deputy, on behalf of Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang;
- Mr. Mike Eng, former California Assemblyman;
- Mr. Alexis Salamanca, President, of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

Vice Mayor Ding announced that Certificates of Recognition were provided by the following:

- Senator Anthony J. Portantino;
- City of Alhambra – Mayor Katherine Lee;
- City of Arcadia – Mayor Sho Tay;

- City of La Puente – City Council;
- City of La Verne – Tim Hepburn, Mayor;
- City of Monterey Park – City Council;
- City of Temple City – Vincent Yu, Mayor;
- City of La Canada Flintridge.

Council Members Menchaca and Harrington and Vice Mayor Ding commended former Mayor Liao’s service.

Former Mayor Liao expressed his gratitude for the recognition, commended staff for their work, and commented on his accomplishments.

Vice Mayor Ding presented former Mayor Liao with a gavel plaque commemorating his time on the City Council.

**B. RECOGNITION OF POLICE CAPTAIN FABIAN VALDEZ FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL**

Police Chief Harris made the presentation.

Captain Valdez spoke about his time with the San Gabriel Police Department and the new opportunity awaiting him.

The following provided recognition of Captain Valdez’s service to the community:

- Frank F. Lu, Field Deputy/AAPI Liaison, on behalf of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis;
- Mr. Mike Eng, former California Assemblyman.

Council Members Menchaca and Harrington and Vice Mayor Ding commended Captain Valdez’s service to the community and wished him well; and Vice Mayor Ding presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.

**7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**B. APPOINTMENTS TO FILL TWO VACANCIES ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR TERMS EXPIRING AT THE CERTIFICATION OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL ELECTION**

City Manager Lazzaretto made the staff presentation.

Eric Chan, resident, congratulated new Council Members Carina Rivera and John Wu on their appointments.

Vice Mayor Ding thanked staff for running the application and selection process, thanked the community for their involvement in the process, and congratulated Carina Rivera and John Wu on their appointments.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Council Member Menchaca, to adopt **Resolution No. 22-13**, rescinding Resolution No. 22-09 and adopting a process for filling of vacancy on the City Council by appointment.

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 as follows:*

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

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Council Member Menchaca to adopt **Resolution No. 22-14**, appointing Carina Rivera to fill a vacancy on the City Council as a result of resignation.

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 as follows:*

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

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Council Member Menchaca to adopt **Resolution No. 22-16**, appointing John Wu to fill a vacancy on the City Council as a result of resignation.

*Motion carried by a vote of 3-0 as follows:*

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

### **C. OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF NEWLY-APPOINTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Assistant City Clerk Bonus presented Carina Rivera and John Wu with Certificates of Appointment to the San Gabriel City Council.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis commended the service of former Mayor Liao and former Council Member Jason Pu; thanked Police Captain Valdez for his service and congratulated him on his new position as Police Chief of San Fernando; congratulated Clara Tsang on her new position as Public Information Officer for the City of San Gabriel; and congratulated newly-appointed Council Members Carina Rivera and John Wu.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis administered the Oath of Office to Carina Rivera and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition of behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Congresswoman Judy Chu congratulated Carina Rivera on her appointment; and provided some background information on John Wu and administered his Oath of Office.

Assistant City Clerk Bonus invited newly-appointed Council Members Rivera and Wu to take their places with the City Council for the remainder of the meeting.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Chasity Jennings-Nunez applauded the City Council and City staff for the swift and transparent process for appointing the new Council Members; congratulated new Council Members Rivera and Wu; and commented on candidate interview questions and answers.

Aldo Macias Arrelano, Special Assistant, Field Deputy, on behalf of Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, presented Certificates of Recognition to newly-appointed Council Members Rivera and Wu.

Sandy Rosco, Executive Director, and Alexis Salamanca, President, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, presented Certificates of Recognition to newly-appointed Council Members Rivera and Wu.

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

City Manager Lazzaretto expressed appreciation to the City Council for the confidence shown in him by extending his employment contract; congratulated newly-appointed Council Members Rivera and Wu; and stated he is looking forward to helping the entire Council carry out their goals for the community.

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

Council Member Harrington welcomed incoming Council Members Rivera and Wu.

Council Member Menchaca welcomed incoming Council Members Rivera and Wu; commented on accomplishments by the last City Council which included Council Members Chin Ho Liao and Jason Pu; and commented she is looking forward to partnering with the new Council Members to continue the City's forward momentum; and stated she feels a strong connection to the current Council.

Council Member Rivera thanked the City Council and City Manager Lazzaretto for making the appointment process easy; thanked Supervisor Solis for taking the time to be present at the meeting; thanked City staff and stated she looks forward to working with them; thanked her family; thanked the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce for their support; and stated she looks forward to working with the residents and serving the community.

Council Member Wu thanked Vice Mayor Ding and Council Members Menchaca and Harrington for appointing him, recognized his new colleague Council Member Rivera, and stated it's an honor to work together for the betterment of the City; expressed his excitement to work closely with City staff; thanked his family for their understanding of his service to the community; stated he is looking forward to working with the City Council; and encouraged residents to communicate with him.

Vice Mayor Ding congratulated newly-appointed Council Members Rivera and Wu; thanked City Manager Lazzaretto and City staff for their assistance with the appointment process; commented that there were good candidates for appointment; commended the transparency of the appointment process; and stated the City is like a family, moving forward together.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION – None.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

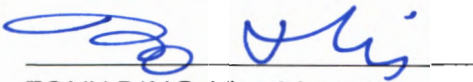
The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



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JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022:



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TONY DING, Vice Mayor