



**MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 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 6:48 P.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 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)

Assistant City Attorney Pilchen announced that in the preceding special meeting, no reportable final action was taken on the closed session item.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Liao.

**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, Assistant City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen, 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 Liao announced that the Agenda Order was approved.

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR, AND INCOMING MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR**

## **1. Recognition of Outgoing Mayor Menchaca**

Chief City Clerk Clark announced that outgoing Mayor Menchaca had been presented with a gavel plaque from the City to commemorate her term as Mayor.

The following presented comments recognizing outgoing Mayor Menchaca, incoming Mayor Liao and incoming Vice Mayor Ding: Cindy Lee, Representative from Congresswoman Judy Chu's Office; 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Kathryn Barger; and Alhambra Vice Mayor Katherine Lee.

Chief City Clerk Clark noted that Certificates of Recognition for outgoing Mayor Menchaca had been received from Senator Susan Rubio; Assemblymember Ed Chau; Supervisor Kathryn Barger; the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Duarte, La Puente, Monrovia, Monterey Park, San Dimas, and Temple City; and from the San Gabriel Unified School District. Senator Rubio also provided certificates for Mayor Liao and Vice Mayor Ding.

Mayor Liao, Vice Mayor Ding and Council Members Harrington and Pu thanked outgoing Mayor Menchaca for her leadership and service during her term as mayor.

Outgoing Mayor Menchaca thanked her colleagues, staff, and family and friends; and recognized incoming Mayor Liao and Vice Mayor Ding.

## **2. New Vice Mayor's Comments**

Vice Mayor Ding thanked his colleagues for their trust in selecting him as Vice Mayor; thanked those who elected him to the City Council; thanked City Manager Lazzaretto and staff for helping him learn in his position as a Council Member; thanked community organizations for their donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the pandemic; and thanked his family for their support.

## **3. New Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Liao expressed his appreciation for being selected as Mayor; commented on the challenges of the pandemic; gave local vaccination site and pandemic-related City assistance information; provided suggestions to improve City finances; expressed his wish for love and harmony in the community; and thanked his colleagues and staff for their work during the pandemic.

## **B. COVID-19 BRIEFING**

Fire Chief Wallace and Police Chief Harris made the presentation.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sean McMorris, resident, provided comments commending outgoing Mayor Menchaca on her year as mayor, and congratulating incoming Mayor Liao and Vice Mayor Ding.

## **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chief City Clerk Clark stated that a request to pull item 4F, Award of Professional Service Agreement to R.F. Dickson Company, Incorporated, for Citywide Street-Sweeping Services, for separate consideration had been received from a Council Member and three members of the public. She read comments from Sandy Rosco, Executive Director of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce; Alexis Salamanca, resident, business owner, and San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce President; and Terri Huerta, resident; requesting that the Request for Proposals (RFP) be withdrawn and the current contract with Athens Services for street-sweeping be continued as it is the most fiscally-prudent solution.

In addition, regarding Item 4C, Appointments to Intergovernmental Agencies, Chief City Clerk Clark explained it had come to staff's attention that according to Metro Service Council Bylaws, membership on the Council is not transferable or assignable. Therefore, the current appointee, Council Member Harrington, who is serving in the second year of a three-year term, will continue to serve until the conclusion of his term. She made a request, on behalf of staff, that Item 4C be approved with that change.

A motion was made by Council Member Menchaca, seconded by Vice Mayor Ding, to approve Consent Calendar Items 4A– 4B, 4D – 4E, and 4G – 4I as presented, and Item 4C as amended.

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

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

Regarding Item 4F, discussion included an offer letter from Athens Services to continue providing street-sweeping services at their current rate, absent the new conditions of using five-year old or newer trucks and an 85% diversion rate; Air Quality Management District (AQMD) standards; diversion details; R. F. Dickson Company's indication that removing the two foregoing conditions would not change their proposal amount; pollutant levels and impacts of waste vehicles over and under five years old; weighing environmental impact with cost considerations; variables of vehicle types, ages, and maintenance levels; performance as a criteria; Athens Services waste vehicles are fueled by natural gas; and an 85% diversion rate is higher than required by law.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrington, seconded by Council Member Menchaca, to continue this item indefinitely in order to go back to negotiate a contract with Athens Services at the terms of the letter they sent to the City.

Discussion continued regarding getting information from the AQMD about vehicle emissions; and not limiting the providers to be considered to only Athens Services, but rather directing staff to bring back additional information.

*Motion carried by a vote of 4-1 as follows:*

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

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The City Council approved the following:

1. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of March 16, 2021.
2. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of March 16, 2021.

**B. MATERIAL DEMANDS**

The City Council approved the March 3, 2021, March 18, 2021, and March 18, 2021, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

**C. APPOINTMENTS TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES – COUNCIL LIAISONS**

The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 21-14** confirming the Mayor's appointments of Council Members to serve as delegates, alternates and liaisons to outside agencies and Committees, as amended for Council Member Harrington as the representative to the Metro Service Council.

**D. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,036 FOR THE INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT SAN GABRIEL BOULEVARD AND ROSES ROAD HSIP8 PROJECT, CONTRACT NO. 20-10**

The City Council:

1. Approved plans and specifications for the Intersection Safety Improvements at San Gabriel Boulevard and Roses Road HSIP8 Project, Contract No. 20-10;
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute contract documents with California Professional Engineering, Incorporated for total bid amount in the amount of \$136,036; and
3. Approved a Purchase Order in the amount of \$149,640 which includes a 10% construction contingency.

**E. AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT TO BALFOUR BEATTY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCORPORATED FOR TRENCH MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

The City Council:

1. Authorized the City Manager to execute a two (2) year Professional Services Agreement with Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Incorporated; and
2. Authorized the City Manager or representative to extend the term for up to three (3) additional years in one-year increments.

**F. AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT TO R.F. DICKSON COMPANY, INCORPORATED FOR CITYWIDE STREET SWEEPING SERVICES**

The City Council gave direction for staff to negotiate with Athens Services on a contract per the terms of their letter to the City as detailed above.

**G. RENEWAL OF A GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR "AS-NEEDED" SERVICES**

The City Council approved the renewal of the General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

## **H. AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT-USE AGREEMENT WITH SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The City Council approved the proposed Amended and Restated Facilities Joint-Use Agreement and authorized the City Manager and Mayor to execute the agreement.

## **I. 2020 GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: JANUARY 2020 – DECEMBER 2020**

The City Council received and filed the information contained in the staff report and directed staff to submit the report to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

6. **CONTINUED BUSINESS** – None.

### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. RESOLUTION NO. 21-15 CONDEMNING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, AND INTOLERANCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

Sean McMorris, resident, provided comments in favor of adopting the resolution.

City Manager Lazzaretto made the staff presentation.

Discussion included the rise in anti-Asian incidents throughout the Country; the reluctance of some crime victims to report incidents; incident report statistics; the relevance of this item to the community; the City's new Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commission and the Asian Crime Victims Working Group led by San Gabriel Police Captain Nakamura; encouragement for the community to report incidents; and appreciation for Council Member Pu's spearheading of this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Vice Mayor Ding, to adopt **Resolution No. 21-15** Condemning Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

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

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

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

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

City Manager Lazzaretto congratulated former Mayor Menchaca on a successful year as Mayor and thanked her for her leadership and partnership, and congratulated incoming Mayor Liao and Vice Mayor Ding.

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

Council Member Menchaca announced the San Gabriel Mosquito and Vector Control District's Bite Back Virtual Tour on April 8, 2021, invited the community to participate,

and solicited block captains for the District; announced La Casa's Annual Gala on May 15, 2021; and provided local COVID-19 vaccination site details.

Council Member Pu commented on anti-Asian hate events; and reported on activities of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Transportation Committee, Foothill Transit Authority, METRO, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG), and League of California Cities.

Vice Mayor Ding reported on the Economic Development 10-Point Plan Subcommittee and activities of the San Gabriel Hope Lions Club; and provided information on a possible grant opportunity for the Mission Playhouse.


Mayor Liao reported on a webinar he attended on how to use the American Recue Plan.

**11. CLOSED SESSION** – None.

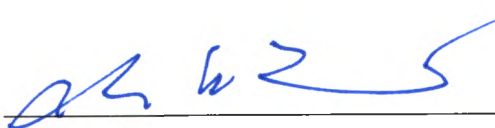
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Liao adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021:

  
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CHIN HO LIAO, Mayor