



**MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ding called the regular meeting of the San Gabriel City Council to order at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 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 Mayor Ding.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Mark Lazzaretto, Assistant City Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, 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, Assistant City Clerk Marilyn Bonus, and Administrative Assistant II Jessica Zhao.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Assistant City Clerk Bonus provided information for the public on how to view the meeting and how to request meeting agendas.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

Staff requested the removal of Closed Session Item 11A Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6).

A motion was made by Council Member Menchaca, seconded by Vice Mayor Harrington, to approve the removal of Closed Session Item 11A Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6) from the Agenda.

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

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

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

### A. EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

City Manager Lazzaretto and members of the Executive Team introduced the following employees:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Director Cervantes

Caroline Velarde, Economic Development Manager

Christine Song, Senior Planner

Marlon Cervantes, Assistant Planner

Maria Cervantes, Senior Neighborhood Improvement Services Officers

COMMUNITY SERVICES – Director Perez

Amy Cortez, Recreation Coordinator

FINANCE – Director Kaholokula

David Tsuen, Information Technology Manager

Michelle Marquez, Management Analyst

Jeremy Esquivas, Full-Time Information Technology Specialist

PUBLIC WORKS – Director/City Engineer de Vinck

Kimber Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant II

### B. RECOGNITION OF FIRST PLACE “BAKER TO VEGAS CHALLENGE CUP RELAY” RACE MULTI-AGENCY TEAM

Police Chief Harris made the presentation.

### C. PROCLAMATION FOR POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Ding made the presentation and presented the proclamation to Chief Harris.

### D. PROCLAMATION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE (AAPI) MONTH

Mayor Ding made the presentation.

### E. PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

Mayor Ding made the presentation.

### F. STATEWIDE ORGANICS RECYCLING AND EDIBLE FOOD RECOVERY PRESENTATION

Athens Services Director of Governmental Affairs Ed Chen made the presentation.

Chuck Sances, resident, commented about the collection of trash and comingling of waste pick-up.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Norma Davalos, resident, spoke in favor of pursuing prosecuting misdemeanors at the City level.

Chris Bonzon, resident, spoke about the adversities she faced during the renovation of her home and beautification of her landscape and asked the City Council to allow the posting of a sign on her property that states, "Beautiful renovation approved by the City."

Mary Garcia, resident, expressed concern regarding the weeds and deteriorated paint on properties located on Del Mar Avenue between Mission Drive and Valley Boulevard.

David Localio, resident, asked questions about the status of the prosecution of misdemeanors.

Chasity Jennings Nunez, Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commissioner Chair, acknowledged staff for their work on the HEAR Commission and spoke about the Proclamation for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage (AAPIH) Month.

Debbie Kilgore, resident, spoke about the Athens presentation and requested a designated place to review information related to the residents' interests.

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

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

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

AYES: MENCHACA, RIVERA, WU, HARRINGTON, DING  
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 12, 2022.
2. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of April 13, 2022.
3. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of April 19, 2022.
4. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of April 19, 2022.

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

The City Council approved April 7, 2022, and April 14, 2022, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

#### **C. FIRE STATION 51 LOCKER REPLACEMENT**

The City Council approved the locker room renovation upgrade and authorized the City Manager or designee to issue a purchase order not to exceed the amount of \$53,846.10 from the Fire Facility Impact Fee account to Sanchez and Sons Cabinets Incorporated.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**6. CONTINUED BUSINESS** – None.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. **DISCUSSION REGARDING STREET NAME-CHANGE POLICY AND REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A PART OF WEST BENCAMP STREET TO HING WA LEE PLACE**

Community Development Director Cervantes made the presentation.

Clarifying discussion included clarification regarding the sample policies included in the agenda packet.

Senya Lubisich, resident, spoke about the importance of creating a policy for changes to street names that are representative and inclusive. She asked the Council to consider including the Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource and Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commissions during the discussion to assist with the creation of a street-naming policy.

Mary Cammarano, resident, spoke about the contributions that long-standing businesses in the City have made and asked the Council to consider the history of the businesses and the businesses that have contributed in making the City stronger.

Mary Garcia, resident, asked the Council to consider the history of the City and spoke about the history of the City's street names.

Chasity Jennings-Nunez, resident, spoke about the importance of naming the streets names that have brought have significant contributions and diversity to the City. She asked the Council to consider using the City's street names to acknowledge the history of the City.

Chuck Sances, resident, asked about the significance of the street name Bencamp and asked the City to provide a list and the history or significance of the City's street names.

Caren Ho, representative for the Hing Wa Lee Place street name-change request, spoke about the business owner's history and the contributions the business has made to various organizations.

Discussion included the history of the street name-change request that was brought for Council's consideration; the importance of having a process for naming streets in the City; the significance and history of the street names and contributions made in the City; what constitutes long-standing business in the City; incorporating development of the street-naming policy into the workplans of the Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource, Planning Commission, and HEAR Commissions; consideration of the impact of street name-change requests to the residents of the City; defining grassroots businesses in the City; handling street-name requests on a case-by-case basis; notice to the residents impacted by the street name-change with each request made; financial impact of the street name-change due to costs of new street signs; requiring applicants to pay for the street name changes requested in the City; importance of the guidelines to ensure respect to the applicant and to the entire City; timeline for creation of the policy; creation of a procedure for applicants and the development of guidelines for street name-change; and importance of consistency of implementation of street name-changes; and the benefits of a policy.

There was a consensus of the City Council to direct staff to bring back a street-naming policy and to add the review of the policy to the Planning, Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource, and HEAR Commissions' workplans.

## **B. FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL UPDATE**

Fire Chief Wallace made the presentation.

Debbie Kilgore, resident, asked about the costs of remapping the street names and expressed that she would like Council to keep the Fire services in-house.

Discussion included program details regarding the Auxillary program and duties; recruitment; automatic-aid assistance and the agreements between multiple fire agencies; status of the Standard of Cover; assistance of a Nurse Practitioner; status of the Los Angeles County Fire services; insurance-class rating and the effect it has on lowering the homeowner's insurance rate; response times for the Fire Department; and Los Angeles County Fire Department's Insurance rating and response times.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chuck Sances commented regarding the original names of streets and certain city streets not reflected on City maps, and asked staff to consider the review the process for street-name changes and samples from other cities.

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

City Manager Lazzaretto spoke about the water restrictions due to the drought; stated that there are five different water districts in the City that the City is working with; and explained it is anticipated that the City will need to reduce consumption by 20%.

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

Council Member Menchaca reported on her participation in the 626 Golden Streets: Mission to Mission Bike Ride; Safe Route to School march and explained that the procession was part of Earth Day; and reminded the Council that the Block the Hate Rally '22 event has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Vincent Lugo Park.

Council Member Wu reported on his participation in the 626 Golden Streets: Mission to Mission bike ride.

Council Member Rivera concurred with comments from her colleagues.

Mayor Ding thanked the Council for their participation and their support during the 626 Golden Streets: Mission to Mission Bike Ride; Safe Routes to School; commented on the health benefits of walking; reminded the Council that the Block the Hate Rally '22 event has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022; and invited everyone to attend the Cinco de Mayo event on Friday, May 6.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT CODE §54957.6)**

Closed Session was cancelled.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

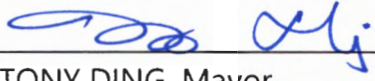
Respectfully submitted:



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JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022:



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TONY DING, Mayor