



**MINUTES OF MAY 4, 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 6:35 P.M. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Harrington.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Menchaca, seconded by Vice Mayor Ding, 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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT CODE §54957.6)

City Negotiators – City Manager Lazzaretto, City Attorney Lemieux, and Human Resources/Risk Management Director Macias, Labor Relations Counsel Steve Filarsky.

Regarding the following Employee Organizations – San Gabriel Police Officers’ Association, San Gabriel Police Management Group, San Gabriel Firefighters’ Association, San Gabriel Fire Management Group and all Unrepresented Employees.

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARIAN JULIE SORENSON

Mayor Liao made the presentation.

B. PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

Mayor Liao made the presentation.

C. COVID-19 BRIEFING

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

City Manager Lazzaretto led a discussion on re-opening City Hall and resuming in-person City Council meetings. There was a consensus of the City Council to agendaize the re-opening discussion for the next regular City Council meeting in order to consider the latest State legislation at that time.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pam Petievich, Co-President of the San Gabriel Friends of the Library (SGFOL), provided comments on behalf of herself and Irene Chapman, Co-President of the SGFOL, congratulating Julie Sorenson on her retirement as San Gabriel Library’s Director.

Senya Lubisich, resident, provided comments thanking the City Council for the Preservation Month Proclamation and requesting the highlighting of San Gabriel family-owned businesses which have served the community for more than 50 years.

Martin E. Delgado, Community Library Manager, provided comments announcing the reopening of the San Gabriel Library on Monday, May 10, 2021, for select in-person service.

Tasha Wahi, resident, provided comments expressing safety concerns related to the Adelyn Stormwater Capture Project.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion approved Consent Calendar Items 4A – 4C 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 20, 2021.
2. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021.
3. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of April 27, 2021.

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS

The City Council approved the April 9, 2021, and April 16, 2021, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

C. COUNTYWIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM SITING LIABILITY AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

6. **CONTINUED BUSINESS** – None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. UPDATE ON RETAIL LANDSCAPE IN SAN GABRIEL

Economic Development Manager Domenica Megerdichian made the staff presentation.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included the timeline for surveys of landlords, property owners and businesses; rideshare and outdoor dining effects on parking ratios; process for temporary and permanent outdoor dining permits; impact of COVID-19 on taxable sales; commendation to staff for the report; assistance to current businesses; multilingual resource materials for businesses; and available grants.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

9. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Lazzaretto thanked the San Gabriel Fire and Police Departments and outside agencies who assisted in fighting the San Gabriel Mission Fire last year and announced that the arson suspect is in custody.

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

Council Member Pu requested a proclamation for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month for the next regular City Council meeting; and commented on services available through Compassion in SGV and announced an associated upcoming community event to be held on May 22, 2021.

Council Member Menchaca commented on the San Gabriel Mission fire investigation press conference.

Vice Mayor Ding commented on the San Gabriel Mission fire investigation press conference and on Asian American Heritage month.

Council Member Harrington requested that an item be agendaized for future City Council discussion regarding a vote of no confidence in the current Los Angeles County District Attorney and provided background information for his request.

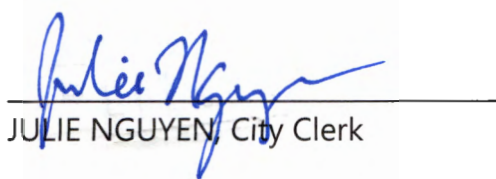
Mayor Liao agreed to Council Member Harrington's request; suggested the City Council attend an upcoming San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership event at which Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón will speak in order to better understand his position; commented on Los Angeles County's financial considerations related to incarceration; and commented on the press conference regarding the San Gabriel Mission fire investigation, San Gabriel Mission anniversary, and Walk to Los Angeles event.

11. **CLOSED SESSION** – None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

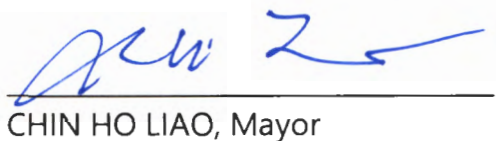
Mayor Liao adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 18th day of May, 2021:



CHIN HO LIAO, Mayor