



**MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 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 6:33 P.M. on Tuesday, June 1, 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, 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, Acting Community Development Director Domenica Megerdichian, and Assistant City Clerk Marilyn Bonus.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Pu.

**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**

Mayor Liao requested the Council's consent to consider Continued Business Item 6A first due to the great amount of public interest in the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Menchaca, seconded by Council Member Pu, to amend the agenda order to consider Continued Business Item 6A first.

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

AYES: HARRINGTON, MENCHACA, PU, DING, LIAO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**6. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-19 EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY (DA) GEORGE GASCÓN FOR HIS ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE LEGISLATION AND THE BALLOT INITIATIVE PROCESS AND PLACE THE SAFETY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT RISK**

Chief City Clerk Clark explained that at the May 18, 2021 City Council meeting, Council Member Harrington presented this item and Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Eric Siddall, as Vice President of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys, provided his Association's perspective. However, the item was not concluded as technical difficulties interrupted the live-streaming of the meeting.

Council Member Harrington and Mr. Siddall provided a brief presentation on the item.

Clarification discussion included crime-related voter initiatives; prosecutorial, judicial, corrections, gubernatorial and law enforcement discretion and related consequences; factors related to juvenile offenders; the DA's declination to send a representative to this meeting; the effect of the DA's special directives on deterrence, rehabilitation, and justice reform; public defenders as the beneficiaries of the special directives; effects of Propositions 47 and 57 and Assembly Bill (AB) 109 on crime overall; increase in declination to prosecute crimes committed in San Gabriel pursuant to the DA's special directives; diversion programs; the DA's mandates versus discretionary actions as related to the special directives; alternatives to and after incarceration; possible impact to the City in relation to taking a position opposing the DA's policies; San Gabriel Police Department's juvenile diversion activities; a request to agendaize an update on crime in the City; a rise in crime rate associated with societal re-opening; and post-incarceration supervision and assistance.

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Liao recessed the meeting at 8:07 P.M. and reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

**Item 6A - Continued**

Council Member Pu presented an alternate resolution for consideration.

Mayor Liao requested a vote by the City Council as to whether to have the Clerk read aloud all 101 comments that were included in the staff report or only those received which were not included in the staff report. A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to read all comments.

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

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

The following provided comments in favor of adopting Resolution No. 21-19/in opposition to DA Gascón's directives/in favor of his recall: E. Vazquez; Barbara Jackson; Jonathan Hatami; Robert Hansen; Lisa Dare; Savannah Barajas; Tim Logan, representing the San Gabriel Police Officers' Association; Michael Matoba; Kathy Giordano; Charmaine Liccardi, resident; Joseph Trevizu; Devon Cornier; Karen Roseberry; Mike Glass; Julie Yanow; Casey Cox; Caryn Burgh; Paula Stern; Emily Ruddo; Melissa Utterback; Ted Olivos; Bruce Morgan; Ruth Kawamoto; Vox Populi;

Katharine Riggins; Anna Pring; Valerie Perales; Jaime Va; Edward Tereszczuk; Josh Boyer; Emily Ulstrup; Ed Marzec; Monica Cardenas; Isabel Kiefer; Ali Altaha; Kristin Lindquist; Ser Hagopian; Sherine Saade; Cynthia Schick; David and Debbie Dolan; Kathy Anaya; Sue Fitzsimmons, resident; Taylor Patterson; Joanne Marcellino; Corine Rodriguez; Patsy Okada; Alexis Salamanca, resident; Zig Jian, on behalf of I Chinese American Political Action Committee; Concerned Citizen; Paula S. Glickstein, Esq.; Gary White; Sandy Verna Jackson and family; anonymous; Lindsey Miller; Trudy Boehme; Nina N.; Sheldon Burgh; Leslie Lardner-Lopez; Kelley; Theresa Malham; Alicia Alvarado; Eric L. Chan, Director on the San Gabriel County Water District Board of Directors; Michael Sunn; Bruce Evans; Lance Higa; Judy Schlecht; Anna Battaglia; Abel Pereira; Bryce Yokomizo, DPA; Juli Costanzo, resident; Berenice Villanueva; H. Margolis; Irma Granger; Joan Murray, resident; Nick Modesti; Wendy Koo Ling; James Jacobs; Corrina D. Camou-Zuniga; George E. Herrera, resident; Glenn Robinson; Erin Stearns; Deborah Prado; Christina Tang; Isela Bowles; Leslie Sutphin; Laurel Long; Nancy Staples; Glenn J. Rivera; Danielle Avila; Charles E. Lovold; Maureen Eisenberg; Tiffany Hsu; David W. Heumann, resident; Sandy Rosco, Executive Director, San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce; Gilbert E. Magana, representing the San Gabriel Police Officers' Association; Anna C. Amod; Angela Brunson; San Gabriel Police Management Group; and Frances Wang and neighborhood.

The following provided comments in opposition to adopting Resolution No. 21-19: Jill Redding, resident; Tejaswi Kasturi, resident; Dr. Felix Nunez, resident; Catherine Cordero; Shannon Sexton; Sean McMorris, resident; Gabriel Frank-McPheter; Cecilia Nunez, resident; Jorge De La Cruz; David Localio, resident; and Chasity Jennings-Nunez, MD.

### **RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Mayor Liao recessed the meeting at 10:01 P.M. and reconvened at 10:06 P.M.

#### **Item 6A - Continued**

Discussion included the pros and cons of the original resolution and alternate resolution; details of the special directives; appropriateness of expressing no confidence in other public officials; importance of honoring the voters' will; direct impact of the special directives on the City; voting statistics for DA Gascón's election; consideration of non-resident public comments; process for Council Members to add items to an agenda; clarification that this item represents an disagreement with policy and is not a statement on recall; lack of outreach from DA Gascón; the non-partisan nature of this issue; concerns about the special directives from San Gabriel's law enforcement; justice for victims; challenges for those not fluent in English to participate in public comment for City Council meetings; DA Gascón's declination to have a representative attend the Council meeting; and the importance of having hate crimes prosecuted.

A motion was made by Mayor Liao, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to adopt **Resolution No. 21-19**.

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

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

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Menchaca, to consider the Consent Calendar, even though it was past 11:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Council Members Menchaca and Harrington requested separate discussion on Item 4I, and Council Member Pu requested clarification on item 4C.

Regarding Item 4I, discussion included the role of the contract architectural historian/historian in historic preservation on the project and contractual provisions regarding personnel assigned. There was a consensus of the City Council to direct staff to revise the contract for this item.

Regarding Item 4C, clarification was received from staff as to plans to install fiber optic conduit in other major street portions for traffic-signal synchronization, possible future commercial purposes and connecting City facilities.

A motion was made by Council Member Menchaca, seconded by Mayor Liao, to approve Consent Calendar Items 4A – 4H and 4J as presented.

*Motion approved Consent Calendar Items 4A – 4H and 4J 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 May 18, 2021.
2. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of May 18, 2021.

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

The City Council approved the May 7, 2021, and May 14, 2021, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

#### **C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-26 APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$65,000 TO FUND A FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS CONDUIT PROJECT ON LAS TUNAS DRIVE**

The City Council:

1. Adopted **Resolution No. 21-26** approving the re-appropriation of \$65,000 from the Del Mar bridge and Street Widening Capital Improvement Project account #122-800-50-97-650 for the purchase of the PVC pipe and accessories; and

2. Approved the purchase of PVC pipe and accessories from Cal-Duct Incorporated in the amount of \$60,402.96.

**D. ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 74474 (1315 PALM AVENUE) PLANNING CASE NO. PL-16-111**

The City Council accepted Final Parcel Map No. 74474 and authorized filing with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

**E. ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 76058 (415 WEST RALPH STREET) PLANNING CASE NO. PL-17-067**

The City Council accepted Final Parcel Map No. 76058 and authorized filing with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

**F. CONTRACT EXTENSION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH INTER-CON SECURITY SYSTEMS INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,864 ANNUALLY**

The City Council authorized the City Manager to exercise the option of extending the current contract for two additional years with Inter-Con Security Systems Incorporated for parking enforcement services and execute the contract amendment on behalf of the City.

**G. ACCEPTANCE OF ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – 2020 COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL**

The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 21-25** approving the following:

1. Increase account #186-3212 by \$11,047.05 (revenue account);
2. Increase the Fire Department budget by \$11,047.05 in account #124-761-57-99-390; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee, the Fire Chief, to accept the Assistance to Firefighters Supplemental (AFG-S) grant and purchase the items under the City's purchasing policy.

**H. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY (SGVHS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$255,000 FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with San Gabriel Valley Humane Society for a full-service model for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year with an option to extend for one additional year.

**I. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM HEZMALHALCH ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL, URBAN DESIGN, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

This item was not approved and will be considered at a later date.

**J. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-24 TO ACCEPT DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FROM ATHENS SERVICES AND INCREASE BUDGET BY \$9,200 FOR KABOOM! PLAYGROUND BUILD AT ROOSEVELT PARK**

The City Council:

1. Accepted the donation totaling \$2,000 and increased account #121-850-10-21-000 by that same amount; and
2. Adopted **Resolution No. 21-24** to increase appropriations from the General Fund by \$2,000 and Park Impact Fee Fund by \$7,200 for a total budget increase of \$9,200 for the playground equipment at Roosevelt Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to continue discussion of the remainder of the items on the agenda at a special meeting or next regular meeting.

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

AYES: HARRINGTON, MENCHACA, PU, DING, LIAO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

## **2. PRESENTATION**

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

This item was rescheduled to the June 15 2021, regular City Council meeting.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This item was rescheduled to the June 15 2021, regular City Council meeting.

## **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, FEE SCHEDULE AND APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 672 INSTITUTING A CANDIDATE FILING FEE FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE AND ORDINANCE NO. 673 AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE SAN GABRIEL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ALARM PERMITS**

This item was rescheduled to the June 15 2021, regular City Council meeting.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 674 AMENDING CHAPTER 92 OF THE SAN GABRIEL MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE VOLUNTARY CAT LICENSING**

This item was rescheduled to the June 15 2021, regular City Council meeting.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

## **9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.**

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

Council Member Menchaca requested a LGBTQ Pride Month resolution for the next regular meeting. Council Member Pu seconded the request.

Vice Mayor Ding announced COVID-19 vaccinations and testing on June 2, 2021, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Mission Playhouse, with free masks and hand sanitizer donated by the Hope Lions Club.

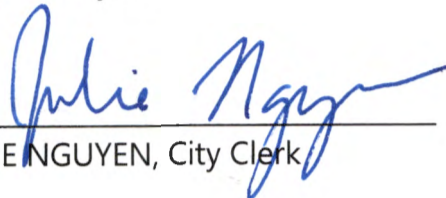
Mayor Liao reported on funds potentially available for cities for water districts and to support Senate Bill 1383.

11. **CLOSED SESSION** – None.

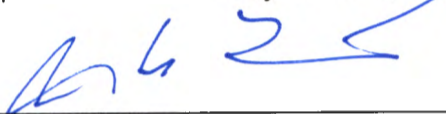
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Liao adjourned the meeting on June 2, 2021, at 12:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021:

  
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CHIN HO LIAO, Mayor