



**MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Menchaca called the special meeting of the San Gabriel City Council to order at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Tony Ding, John R. Harrington, Jason Pu, Vice Mayor Chin Ho Liao, and Mayor Denise Menchaca.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Mark Lazzaretto, City Attorney Keith Lemieux, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Arminé Chaparyan, 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, Interim Finance Director Kenneth Louie, and Assistant City Clerk Marilyn Bonus.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chasity Jennings-Nuñez provided comments expressing concerns about racial equity and commending the City's creation of the Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commission.

G. Sanchez provided comments stating that if a government entity would like to tax wages earned by undocumented individuals, they should be counted in full.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. MISSION PLAYHOUSE DISCUSSION – UPDATED AUGUST 21, 2020

The staff presentation was made by Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Rebecca Perez.

Chief City Clerk Clark announced that comments that were received for the item when originally scheduled last week had been included in the staff report attachments for this meeting, which had been made available to the City Council and the public since the meeting was posted on August 21, 2020, and comments to be read tonight were received since then.

Comments submitted for the August 18, 2020, regular City Council meeting were received as follows:

In favor of keeping the Mission Playhouse open and/or Option 3 in the staff report: Anthony Dennis; Kim Turner; Suzanne Dunn; Al Ferreira, Leadership Development; Adam Parker; Concerned Citizen; Robin Russin, Professor, Department of Theatre, Film & Digital Production MFA for Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts Chair Emeritus, Region VIII KCACTF National Playwriting Program, University of California, Riverside; Caroline Carrigan; Nanci Katz Ellis; Daniel Housman, Los Angeles, CA; Tracy Charlton; Pamala Karol, MFA; Melody Cooper; Christine Toy Johnson; Deborah Ebersold; Jessica Payne; Nancy; Ann Seitz; Chris Hulen; Sandra Blanco, resident; Alice Hernandez, resident; Peter Virant, resident; Laurie Fedor, resident; Savannah Caro; Donna Kermode Davis, Kansas, City, MO; Michael Stot; Peggy Brickert (formerly Nichols), resident; Eric Panajotovic, resident; Lisa; Sandy Solis; Christine Castanon; Marilyn Buchholz; Sandra Bermel, resident; Mariana; Susana Palomares, Parent of Dance Students with Ms. Esperanza Flores Flokoriko; Stacy Yip; Alec; Michelle Taylor; Jackson Salinas; Helen Salazar, resident; Julie T. Byers, Arcadia, CA; Freddie Valencia; Alexis Retzepis, resident; Tracy White; Steve Wilkinson, retired manager of the Mission Playhouse, class of 2017; Rick Santizo; Lisa Giordano; Karmynn De La Peña; Eileen Hovsepian; Elise Elise Robertson; Isabel Ju; Glovi Sol; Chelsea Javier; Lisa Crnic; M. Weale; April Kamar, Katerina Kamar, Eleni Kamar; Brett Rodenbucher, former Assistant Box Office Manager and former Senior Usher of San Gabriel Mission Playhouse; Susan Byrne; Camila Alva Lopez; Irene Aguirre Juarez; Cheryl Loggins, resident; Ming & Denise Lai and Family; Helen Doubrovsky; Kathy Cady; Leslie Kita; Cesar Chavez; Dawn Arnold; R. Joseph (Joe) Berlejung; Deanne Bruhn; Shazia Kahn, Rosemead, CA; Terri Wong, resident; Kristen Campbell, M.A.; Jackie Kopcsak, Associate Professor, USC Gloria Kaufman School of Dance; Jen Pino; Lenore Marquez; Janell Papik, resident; Joy Kong; Trisha; Tiffany Young; Virginia Crosby; Franny Kintz; Dylan Fisher, Mission Playhouse Stage Manager; Peggy Chien, resident; Enid Bermejo; Leah Jacobs; Alice Doppelhammer, resident; Raeleen Juliano; Dr. Iris Kwan, Motivated Kids Therapy, Occupational Therapist; Jay Freeman; Candace Campbell; James Sears; Tobi Longo, Choreographer, Walt Disney Live Entertainment; Teresa Ybarra, Alhambra, CA; Julie A. Christensen; Paul Wong; Nina Haynes; Julie Sanchez Brehove; John McElveney; Anita Knight; Alice McIntosh, The Red Shoes, Tappercize Inc.; Justin Senneff; Linda Igarashi; Lilia Andrade; RikkiLugo Van Buskirk; Cheryl Shryock; Melissa Perez, resident; Vadja Ibeas Kintz; Frank Greenwalt, resident; Julie Welch; Bernadette Peters; The Haynes Family, Ed Haynes, Jr., Elizabeth Bell-Haynes, Denis Haynes, Wesly Haynes; Faith Carrion; Jamie Peters; Andrea Calderwood; Marisa Silva; Nancy Thompson; Heidi Dotson; Diana Figueroa, resident; Allison Morrissey; Danny Trevino; Lynn Estrada; Vanessa Rodriguez; Luis Felix, resident; Vesna; Mike Hume, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Historic Theatre Foundation; Loren W. Owen, LUTCF; Charlotte Carpenter Lewis; Valerie Whitcher; Robert Amberg, Long Beach, CA; Christina Blaiklock; Luis Menchaca; Vallerie G.; Bronwyn Stuart-Velazquez, Saul Velazquez, George and Elaine Stuart, Hayden Stuart-Velazquez, Anita Chavez, Louis Quintanar, Henry Oblea, Teresa Chavez, Eryn Chavarin, Kristina Chavez, Marisa and Elijah Silva, Oscar Magana, David Andrews, Valerie Aceves-Geraci and family, Jennifer Burke, April Warren, Sophia Yong, Koreen and Steve Gomez, Justin Gomez, Connie and Greg Salazar, Alexia Salazar, Donna and Amanda Brunjes, Natalie Brunjes, Marsha Blanton Macintyre and family, Dayvene and Mike Foss, Charlene Rawson, Tony Green, Esther and Rene Caballero, Mireya Caballero, Tony Miali, Jeff Foutz, Sandra and Keith Smith, Ben Ryerson, Derek Nelson, Rita Rodriguez, Peter Kunst, Roxanne and Isabel Jimeno and Tish Hernandez; Luz Vivero, San Gabriel Mission High School Parent; Francesca Bevels; Kate Sheffield; Trisha Rae Wong; Polly Seale; and nine anonymous commenters.

In support of the Mission Playhouse continuing operations and/or Options 1 or 2 in the staff report: Fung Ho, Music Director & Conductor, Olympia Youth Orchestra

String Orchestra and Chamber Music Faculty, Los Angeles County High School for the Arts Former Orchestra and Violin Faculty, Cal State Los Angeles (retired); Nitza Wilson; Jon Howie, District Accompanist, Performing Arts Department, Temple City High School; Eva Garcia, Principal, San Gabriel Mission Elementary School; Gabriela Hinojoza; Bertha Rubalcaba Martínez; Jessie Vallejo; Michelle Steffes Aucoin; Craig Cerro; Pete Cuccia; Betty Tracy; Ms. Capra, San Gabriel Mission Elementary School; Harry Wong; Bill Shaw; San Gabriel residents; Olivia Pisanis; Elizabeth Whitfield; Jesus Guzman Jr., Manager; Kim Walton; Steve Gaghagen; Natalia Olarte Staunton; Ms. Breitschwerdt, 3rd-5th STEM/Math Teacher, San Gabriel Mission Elementary School; Sonjia Leyva, resident; Pasadena Dance Theatre Conservatory; Angela Mead; John Vidalakis; Joe and Sherri Petralia; Pamela Tilikete; Katie Brandon; Aimee Laussen, Production Coordinator; Lewis McCammon, Alhambra, CA; Patrice Yocum, PUSD Public School Teacher and local history and arts advocate; Sherry Frymer, Producer, Theatre Experience of Southern California; Clark Prestridge; Wannu Yu; Dena Guzman, resident; Chris Ohrmund, Walnut, CA; Lisa, resident; Dana Parks; F. Chavez; Maria R. Caro, Glendora, CA; Wesley; Aaron Kahn; Kirsten Dyer; Darlene Quan; Sharon Chin; Elin Henderson; Salvador Morales, resident; Mrs. Chu; KIDS ACT, Burbank, CA; Matt Byers, Director of Performing Arts, Temple City Unified School District; Queta Morales, resident; Cindra Barnes; Erin Weir; Beatrice Buchman; Eleni Koulos; Senya Lubisich; Elizabeth M. Sanchez, resident; Sofie Toledo; Lori Bacon; Vincent W. Lugo; Lauren Jordan; Daniel Smith; Janet Mannarelli, former resident of Alhambra, CA; Kira Hammond, Arcadia, CA; Kathie Bretches, Cathy Newman; Rocio Gonzalez; Brenda Magdaleno; Jennifer Hendrickson (Rizzo); Rita Baker; Jay Lee; Chasity Jennings-Nuñez; Maria Chavez; Tanya Danforth, resident; Adriana Hernandez; SFC Bernie Escarcega, Chaplain Recruiter, West Chaplain Recruiting Station; David Lee Kellner, Proud AEA Actor; Terry L. Babcock; Jason and Rachel Moss, residents; Mary Elizabeth Peirce, Past audience member, volunteer stage technician and performer; Gitana Walker; Lyndie Monarch; Erika Gonzalez; Craig A. Meyer; Kristin; Jennifer (Watterlond) Hoelscher; Julie Grant; Linda Evans; Julia Quach; Anita Lugo Houston; Reina Polanco; Michael Kidd; Shannon Cudd; Gladys Heraldez; Kendrick Wallace; Alexandra Romero; Debbie Roberts; Jeffrey Johnson, New York City; Courtney Leming; Raymond Barcelo; Karen Z.; Darin Sanone; Nayeli Rescalvo; Darrell Clark; Nancy; Mario Velarde, Chino, CA; Robert Marra; Kate; Michelle Stout-Zakharov; Michelle Galante-Sayers, M.Galfriday Services; Lori Stevens; Alice Lousen; J. Houston; Pasadena Civic Ballet Families: The Rivera Family, Kathleen Salsbury Lipson, Lola Salsbury Lipson, Chloe Salsbury Lipson, Noah Salsbury Lipson, Angela Mead, Jenny Nguyen, April Kamar, Katerina Kamar, Eleni Kamar, Douglas O'Connor, John Vidalakis, Sol Pena, Angelina Grego, Kenalyn Ang, Idalisse Halfon, Gabriel Halfon, Daniela Halfon, Audrey Raham, Trevor Raham, Ava Raham, Tru Raham, Annika Blaiklock, Christina Blaiklock, Andrew Blaiklock, Marianne Boyd, The Paszkiewicz Family, Kris, Beth and Grace Davis, Michael Tsaparian, Lori Tsaparian, Aidan Tsaparian, The Leyva Family, Gina Baffo, Erin and Waleed Delawari, Mary Lee, Caris Lee, Abby Lee, Natalia Olarte Staunton, MariaSol Kacarab Pena, Hannah Moss, Rachel and Jason Moss, Eileen Hovsepian, Katrina Roski and Marc Pearl, The Hokanson Family (Jill & Dave), Natalie Jennings, Stephen Jennings, Riley Jennings, Sonia Govea, Lisa Virzi, Michael Hugens, Taylor Hugens, Cristina Luna, Thomas Kelley, Gemma Kelley, Noelle Pope, Stuart Pope, Tori Pope, Olivia Pope, Elizabeth Whitfield, Katherine Whitfield, Brent Whitfield, Stella Pulliam, Charles Pulliam, Helen & Jerrell Hill, Anya Hill, Krista Mercado, Dina Mercado, Bert Mercado, Mary Christian, Monica & Rafael Mirasol, Natalie Mirasol, Dana Parks, Vaughn Parks, Marina Ballesteros, Valerie Jinnette, Mike Chen, Liv Chen, Clara Chen, Evelyn Snell Jones, Tim Jones, Tessa Jones, Finley Jones, Bonnie Snell Schindler, Jeffrey Schindler, Joy Snell, Mindy and Ava Vagenas, Audrey Tubbs, Stephen Tubbs, Chloe Tubbs, Kristy Cepielik, Todd Weeks, Matea Cepielik, Marty Cepielik, Betsy Lindberg, Jimmy Dixon, Misti Dixon, Chaz Cepielik, Edyn Cepielik, Jeff Cepielik, Gema Cepielik, Kathy Dixon, Beverley Taranto, Paula Tkach, Rebecca

Lin, Viola Wang, Noriko Suzuki, Esther Mehringer, Ming & Denise Lai and Family, George and Dezireh Hanna, Carol Van Citters, Laraine Matsuyama, grandparent of Mia and Kisa Lai, Chris Ohrmund, Lillian Wilson, Hannah Pung, Samantha Pung, William Pung, Victoria Chan, Catherine Chan, Jason Chan, Larry Lousen, Margaret Lousen, Alice Lousen, The Bohne Family, Jackie Kopcsak, Darice Yang, Madeline Kang, Darlene Chan-Arias, Catarino Arias, Julianna Arias, Gladys Chan, Primo Teh, Elleni Koulos, Chris Ioannou, Joanna Koulos, Konstantinos Koulos, Lisa Hosey, Sekai Hosey, Nancy Ashcraft, Woowon Kang, HyeBin Suh Kang, S. Hannah Kang, Michael and Michele Grego, Emma Andres, David Andres, Susan Andres; Guy, Judy and Darren Chandler; Abby Ruiz, Realtor/Notary Public; Chris Straiter; Amy Crane; Franklin C. Greenwalt, resident; Zoe Vidalakis, Tania Grafos and Diane De Franco Browne, Directors, Pasadena Civic Ballet; Noel Longo; Ryan Alhadeff; Richard Godinez, Former Stage Manager, Mission Playhouse; Nayeli; Adrienne; Mona Caro, resident; Kolton Kintz; Concerned Citizen; Suzanne Sellers; Patricia Foltyn, resident; Anna Leming; Miriam Maranzenboim; Janet Klein, Alhambra, CA; Ebelia Verduzco; Melinda Blackway; and three anonymous commenters.

General comments not taking a position: Holli Weld, daughter of Russ and Shirley Weld.

Comments in favor of continued maintenance for the Wurlitzer organ: Donn Linton.

Comments submitted for the August 25, 2020, special City Council meeting were received as follows:

In favor of no closure of the Mission Playhouse: Judith; Billie Jo Mason; Nancy; Cassandra Carmona; Jade Matta, Hayley Matta, and David Ullrich; Matt Byers, Director of Performing Arts, Temple City Schools; James Moran; M. Weale; Tracy Charlton; Kim Turner; John McElveney; Lou Ann Heintz, resident; Susan Purciel, Altadena; Paul Wong; Susan Byrne; Cheryl Shryock; Peggy Chien, resident; Gitana Walker; Dylan Fisher, Mission Playhouse Stage Manager; Guiselle; Tony Kwan, resident; Tobi Longo, Choreographer, Walt Disney Live Entertainment; Tanya Danforth, resident; L. Martino; Wendy Greenleaf; Marla Felber, resident, F K Design Group; Vanessa Rodriguez.; Steve Wilkinson; Sam Campbell; Richard Godinez, Former Stage Manager, Mission Playhouse; Helen Fairman; and four anonymous commenters.

In general support of the Mission Playhouse: Annemarie Werthwein; Terry L. Babcock; Leilani Wilmore; Diane Lam; TCHS Student; Gina Baffo, Arts Consultant, Outreach, Pasadena Civic Ballet; and an anonymous commenter.

Chasity Jennings-Nuñez provided comments requesting the involvement of the Historic Preservation Commission before any decisions are made.

Donn Linton provided comments requesting consideration of the maintenance needs of the Wurlitzer pipe organ in the Mission Playhouse.

Discussion included solicitation of donors and fundraising suggestions, including GoFundMe; demand for theater venues; charging lower rates and expanding available days of use; diversity of performances; delay on restorative exterior painting due to the need to redesign the project pursuant to the recent nomination of the Playhouse to the National Register of Historic Places; status of grant funding for exterior painting; performing maintenance while the Playhouse is closed due to COVID-19 restrictions; Facility Fee fund balance and yearly revenue, including parking fees; long-term strategic planning; facilitating filming productions; detail on budget line items; staffing levels; clarification that under an emergency Executive Order the public comments submitted for the last meeting do not have

to be read aloud as they were included in the staff report for the item tonight; revenue to date; marketing outreach pursuant to COVID-19 guidelines; forming a 501(c)(3) to accept donations; referral networks; post-COVID planning; cost-savings for other staff management models; mindset of subsidizing versus funding; value provided by the Playhouse to the City; pricing changes already in place; beneficial impact of Playhouse events on surrounding businesses; inclusion of relevant commission input; implementing a plan for the Playhouse during COVID-19 restrictions similar to the 10-Point Plan for Recovery, Resiliency, and Reinvestment, that could include organizational-structure, arts-development impact fees, reviewing existing contracts for fee appropriateness, fundraising, partnerships with local businesses for recognition, subscription options, grant opportunities, establishment of a 501(c)(3), expanding marketing and communication capacity, forming relationships with local news organizations, maintaining relationships with rental clients, filming opportunities, branding, virtual performances, advertising outside of the state and country, revenue-generating activities during COVID, and parking lot repair; and a possible future advisory committee.

There was a consensus of the City Council to direct staff to pursue Scenario/Option 3 as listed in the staff report under which the Playhouse will remain open in a limited capacity through December 2020, allowing for livestreaming and filming events to continue; provide detailed line item information to Council in the future; and to move forward with full re-opening of the Playhouse once health orders allow.

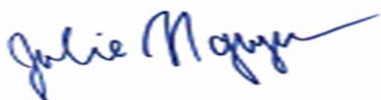
City Manager Lazzaretto recognized Mission Playhouse Manager Elias Bourjeli for a great job managing the Playhouse, and expressed his gratitude to Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Perez for a job well-done directing two departments.

Mayor Menchaca gave a special thanks to Chief City Clerk Clark and her team for a good job responding to the many public comments for this item and for representing the City well; and to Mission Playhouse Manager Bourjeli and Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Perez for their patience, work, and great information.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 15th day of September, 2020:



DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor