



**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Menchaca called the regular meeting of the San Gabriel City Council to order at 6:31 P.M. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ding.

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.

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

Chief City Clerk Clark announced that staff had requested that item 4B, Material Demands, be pulled from the agenda to be considered at the next regular meeting instead, due to a technical error in which the online version of the agenda materials for this item displayed the August 18, 2020, staff report and attachments instead of the September 1, 2020, staff report and attachments.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Mayor Menchaca to approve the agenda order as amended to remove Item 4B.

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

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

ABSENT: NONE

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. COVID-19 BRIEFING

The presentation was made by Fire Chief Wallace; Police Chief Harris; Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Chaparyan; and Vice Mayor Liao and Council Member Ding, as members of the 10-Point Plan for Recovery, Resiliency, and Reinvestment subcommittee.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Norma Alejo, Co-owner/Operations Manager of Navarro's Towing, provided comments expressing dissatisfaction with the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for RFP 2020-07, Franchise Agreement for Tow Truck Services.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Council Member Pu, to approve Consent Calendar Items 4A and 4C – 4E as presented.

Motion approved Consent Calendar Items 4A and 4C – 4E as presented by a vote of 5-0 as follows:

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The City Council approved:

1. Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of August 18, 2020.
2. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of August 18, 2020.

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS

This item was removed from the agenda, to be considered at the September 15, 2020, regular City Council meeting.

C. 2020 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE BIENNIAL UPDATE

The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 20-43** entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Gabriel, California, Amending the City of San Gabriel Conflict of Interest Code and Rescinding Resolution No. 18-46."

D. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST – AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 20-44** appropriating funding for the membership.

E. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

The City Council received and filed the League's proposed resolution, and approved the voting delegate and voting alternate to use their discretion to vote on the proposed resolution.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL AND THE SAN GABRIEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR BUSINESS, ECONOMIC AND CIVIC PROMOTION SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,680

The staff presentation was made by Economic Development Manager Domenica Megerdichian.

The following provided comments in opposition to an agreement: Douglas Richter; Cheri Cabot; George Valdez; and Sean McMorris, resident.

The following provided comments in favor of the City accepting the Chamber's Presidential Circle Membership: Sandy Rosco, Executive Director, San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

The following provided comments in favor of a formal agreement: Dr. Jennings-Nuñez; and Jeanne E. Raya, CRM, John L. Raya Insurance Group, San Gabriel.

City Attorney Lemieux explained that Council Member Ding had contacted him regarding a potential conflict of interest on this item as the Council Member is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. After review, it was determined that Council Member Ding has a statutory non-interest in the matter and therefore may fully participate. City Attorney Lemieux disclosed this information at the request of Council Member Ding in the interest of transparency.

Discussion included that the Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) is a membership agency rather than a contract service; value to member businesses; lack of Chamber outreach to some businesses and language-barrier challenges; Chamber support of City events; requested deliverables are reasonable; whether more negotiation would be productive; preference for direct assistance to the community; suggestion for the Chamber to add multi-lingual staff to facilitate outreach to business owners whose first language is not English; having City personnel on the Chamber Board of Directors; reasonable metrics in the agreement; possible option for the City to have a regular membership and engage the Chamber additionally on a project-by-project basis; dollar-value for deliverables; not using non-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for grants to businesses; the difference between the Chamber and other quasi-governmental joint powers authorities; and the option of having in-house Economic Development staff or other contractors provide the deliverables in the agreement instead of the Chamber.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to continue exploring formalizing an agreement with the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce for Business, Economic and Civic Promotion Services through June 30, 2021.

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

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

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

B. CARES ACT FUNDING

The staff presentation was made by Interim Finance Director Ken Louie.

Dr. Chasity Jennings-Nuñez provided comments requesting that funds be used to directly benefit the City’s residents secondary to COVID hardships, rather than for City technology.

Discussion included seniors receiving meals from sources other than the City; support for the senior meal program and relief grants to businesses; support for a contingency fund; restrictions for use of CARES ACT funds; COVID-19-related rental assistance; funding and reasons for requested technology items; and support for the purchase of a City phone system.

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to adopt **Resolution No. 20-45** which formalizes the receipt of CARES Act revenue and appropriates funding, as amended to allocate \$50,000 for a City phone system and \$40,000 for the senior meal program through the end of the year, with the remainder of the funding to be brought back to the City Council for discussion, with the intention that it be used for various forms of assistance for the community.

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

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

C. FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH ATHENS

The staff presentation was made by Public Works Director/City Engineer Greg de Vinck.

The following provided comments in favor of the Amendment: Sandy Rosco, Executive Director, San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce; Terri Huerta, resident and Mission San Gabriel employee; and Alexis Salamanca, President, Board of Directors, San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion included appreciation for the work involved in working out the amendment; desire for renewal incentive monies to be spent on street paving; timing for implementing rate increases; ways Athens is assisting commercial customers with COVID-19-related challenges; road impact fees; compliance with recycling legislation; and organics recycling.

A motion was made by Mayor Menchaca, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement, the new rate adjustment, and the 14-year increase to the City’s current 11-year contract.

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

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Lazzaretto reminded the community to please follow social-distancing protocols during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Vice Mayor Liao reported on his participation in a Census 2020 caravan.

Council Member Pu reported on activities of the ad hoc subcommittee for the Human Equity, Access, and Relations (HEAR) Commission, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, and the Council of Governments (COG) Transportation Committee.

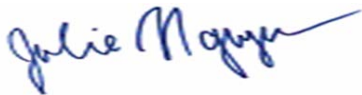
Council Member Ding thanked staff for their hard work on the agenda, and encouraged the community to complete the Census and to stay home on the long weekend.

10. CLOSED SESSION – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Menchaca reminded everyone to take COVID-19 safety precautions on the Labor Day weekend. She adjourned the meeting at 9:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 15th day of September, 2020:



DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor