



**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 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 15, 2020, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Harrington.

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, 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, 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 4D, Approval of Vehicles to be Purchased Through Lease-Purchase Program, be pulled from tonight's agenda to be considered at the next regular meeting instead, as an attachment to the item was inadvertently left out.

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

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 and Police Chief Harris.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following provided comments in opposition to Proposition 16 for the November 2020 Election: Vincent Tran, resident; Elizabeth Mason, resident; and Chloe Martinez, resident.

Gilbert Magaña, President of the San Gabriel Police Officer's Association, provided comments expressing disappointment in the City Council's lack of support for San Gabriel police officers and appreciation for community support; and requested the City Council's attention to mitigating risk towards law enforcement relative to the creation of the Human Equity, Access, and Relations (HEAR) Commission.

Sandy Rosco, Executive Director, San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, provided comments questioning the source of items in the San Gabriel Business Supply Kits received from the City and encouraged the City to use San Gabriel businesses for all procurements.

Richard I. Valenzuela, Jr. provided comments expressing dissatisfaction with the recent position taken by the City Council related to an agreement with the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Regarding item 4F, All City Management Services Contract Renewal, Debbie Kilgore, resident, provide comments questioning how COVID-19 restrictions on children attending class affected the fees paid for school crossing-guard services.

City Manager Lazzaretto explained that although the staff report lists the full budgeted amount, the City only pays for crossing-guard services used, so it is unknown what actual costs will be given the uncertainty of when schools will open.

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

Motion approved Consent Calendar Items 4A – 4C and 4E – 4K 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 25, 2020.
2. Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of September 1, 2020.

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS

The City Council approved the August 6, 2020, August 14, 2020, August 21, 2020, and August 28, 2020, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

C. CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT – AUGUST 2020

The City Council received and filed the Cash and Investment Report for August 2020.

D. APPROVAL OF VEHICLES TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH LEASE-PURCHASE PROGRAM

This item was removed from the agenda, to be considered at the October 6, 2020, regular City Council meeting.

E. EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE RELATED COMPANIES OF CALIFORNIA, LLC (405 S. DEL MAR AVE SITE)

The City Council approved the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with The Related Companies of California, LLC regarding the site at 405 South Del Mar Avenue and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

F. ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR CROSSING-GUARD SERVICES

The City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with All City Management Services, Incorporated for crossing-guard services for an annual amount not to exceed \$122,976 in year one, and \$130,752 in the final two years of the contract.

G. SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT

The City Council:

1. Approved and accepted the Office of Traffic Safety contract for funding;
2. Increased the Estimated Revenue Budget Account 147-3229 by an estimated \$76,000 to reflect receipt of the grant funds; and
3. Increased the Police Department Expenditure Budget by \$76,000, Account 147-751-00, which will be used for overtime costs and the purchase of any related equipment.

H. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY DIMMER REPAIR AND PURCHASE OF DIGITAL AUDIO SYSTEM COMPONENTS

The City Council:

1. Ratified the purchase for emergency repair of the Mission Playhouse dimming system; and
2. Approved the purchase of equipment for the Mission Playhouse audio system upgrade.

I. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES GROUP FOR PREPARATION OF A HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT

The City Council approved the Professional Services Agreement with Architectural Resources Group and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement and issue a purchase order in the amount of \$40,000.

J. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CASC ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING TO PROVIDE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The City Council:

1. Authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with CASC Engineering and Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$49,570; and
2. Approved a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$49,570 from account number 138-800-03-22-000.

K. REQUEST TO APPROVE LETTER OF INTENT WITH KABOOM!, INCORPORATED

The City Council:

1. Reviewed the Letter of Intent with KaBOOM!, Incorporated and the Community Partner Playground Agreement and authorized the City Manager to sign the Letter of Intent and act as the agent of the City on all matters concerning this grant program;
2. Authorized City staff to work with San Gabriel Unified School District for completion of the Letter of Permission; and
3. Adopted **Resolution No. 20-47** approving the design and plans for the installation of playground equipment in Roosevelt Park and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with KaBoom!, Incorporated and its funding partner without the need for competitive bidding as otherwise required by the City of San Gabriel Municipal Code.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. CARES ACT FUNDING AND SUMMARY OF CURRENT RESOURCES, PROTECTIONS AND PROTOCOLS

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

There was no public comment.

Discussion included donations of personal protective equipment (PPE); notification methods for the grant program; desire for more funds for housing relief; holding the unallocated \$405,000 in a contingency fund until it is determined what the best use may be; the \$405,000 has already been approved for COVID-19-related staff salaries, which, in effect, turns them into general fund dollars; possibility of needing the funds for future PPE needs; back rent must still be paid and could be a future great need; finding out how many closed businesses intend to reopen; the grant qualification process; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and CARES Act funds qualification requirements, grant verification and enforcement provisions; clarification that both state and federal governments have approved Police and Fire salaries for CARES Act funding, and since the City has already paid those salaries, provided the documentation, and received state approval, the City can use the funds for general fund purposes; uncertainty of future City and business needs;

City's primary role to provide governmental services to the community; and waiting for the Year-End Budget presentation and additional data on the status of businesses in the City before making decisions on how to use the unallocated funding.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Council Member Ding, to:

1. Adopt Resolution 20-49 appropriating \$170,000 to the Small Business Grant program; and
2. Allocate any remaining funds from the CDBG Housing Relief Program to the Small Business Grant Program, the Senior Meal Program, or both.

Motion failed by a vote of 2-3 as follows:

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

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to:

1. Allocate the remaining \$405,000 CARES ACT funding to the Contingency Fund;
2. Retain any remaining funds from the CDBG Housing Relief Program in that program; and
3. Take any further action to effectuate items 1 and 2.

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

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

B. ORDINANCE NO. 663 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 588-C.S. AND ESTABLISHING LOCAL SPEED LIMITS BASED ON AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY INTRODUCTION

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

The following provided comments in opposition to speed limit increases: Christina Bentivegna, resident; Marilyn and Robert Buchholz; Grace Chang, resident; Irene Chapman; Rachel Gold, resident; Elvia Hernandez; Kathy Hernandez, resident; Maria, resident; Gabriela Hinojoza; Terri Huerta, resident and Mission San Gabriel employee; Leone Tiffany, resident; Charmaine Liccardi, resident; Marilyn Lopez, resident; Casey, resident; Wesley Reutimann, Special Programs Director, Active San Gabriel Valley; Guy Schnackenberg, resident; Jonathan Smith; Albert Tom and Family; Christopher, Bicycle Commuter through Mission District; Nellie and Chris Tan, business and property owners of the future Blossom Market Hall; Jessie Tsou, resident; Michael Tsou, resident; Tiffany Tsou, resident; Victoria Tsou, resident; Ed Vera; Jack and Anne Wong, residents; Alisa Yang, M.D.; and three anonymous commenters.

The following provided comments in favor of adopting speed limits per the Speed Limit Survey: Doug Richter.

Discussion included safety concerns related to increased speed limits; continuity of speed limits between the City and neighboring areas; elements for enforceability of speed citations; methodology for determining appropriate speed limits; and the history of this item and associated public comment.

A motion was made by Mayor Menchaca, seconded by Council Member Harrington, to introduce **Ordinance No. 663** for first reading by title only and waive further reading of the ordinance which establishes local speed limits and amends Schedule I of Chapter 73 – Traffic Schedules of the San Gabriel Municipal Code with a rejection of all recommendations to increase speeds.

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

Anonymous comments were provided advocating for raises for San Gabriel police officers.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Lazzaretto proposed a five-minute "Health Break" as a regular addition to City Council meetings, and gave a shout out to the San Gabriel Fire Department for their assistance with wildfires in other communities. He reported that two San Gabriel firefighters performed a rescue in Northern California of a firefighter who fell down a canyon and was in cardiac arrest, performing life-saving measures until his extraction by helicopter.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

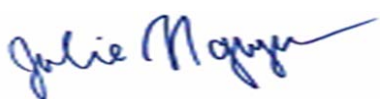
Vice Mayor Liao virtually presented a Certificate of Congratulations to Chong Hing Jewelers in recognition of their 50-year anniversary.

10. CLOSED SESSION – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Menchaca adjourned the meeting at 9:22 P.M. with heartfelt wishes for the full recovery of the two deputies who were shot in Compton over the weekend, and with thoughts and prayers to them and continued strength to their families.

Respectfully submitted:



JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 6th day of October, 2020:



DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor