



**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 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 6:34 P.M. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Pu.

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, 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, 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

Hearing no objection, Mayor Menchaca announced the agenda order was approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. COVID-19 BRIEFING

The presentation was made by Fire Chief Wallace, Police Chief Harris, and Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Chaparyan.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Chasity Jennings-Nuñez provided comments in opposition to reading anonymous public comments during the meeting.

The following provided comments in opposition to Proposition 16 for the November 2020 Election: Gary Yeung, resident; Emily Mason; and Ashley Owen, resident.

Christine Tureaud provided comments expressing displeasure with various City Council and City actions.

Richard I. Valenzuela, Jr., MBA provided comments requesting that the City Council reconsider their allocation of CARES Act Funding.

The following provided comments in opposition to defunding the Police Department: Caroline Zacher; and Monica Burton, resident.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Regarding Item 4B, Material Demands, Richard I. Valenzuela, Jr., MBA provided questions about various vouchers.

Regarding Item 4G, Dr. Chasity Jennings-Nuñez provided comments requesting that the City Council utilize the alternative staff recommendation and choose eligible activity #6 (assisting persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness).

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

Regarding Item 4G, City Manager Lazzaretto clarified that the proposed project would be 100% affordable housing, which is a requirement as the property would be purchased at less than market rate from the Alameda Corridor Trench Project, now the Council of Governments. The Related Companies plan to apply for tax credits on the project, which they cannot receive without the City's help, and these funds are a way the City can assist. The City is working with the Council of Governments (COG) on a Homeless Plan and can program future years' PHLA allocation toward homelessness issues.

Mayor Menchaca commented that an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance will be considered at a future meeting.

Motion approved Consent Calendar Items 4A – 4H 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 the Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of September 15, 2020.

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS

The City Council approved the September 3, 2020, September 11, 2020, and September 17, 2020, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

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

The City Council approve the vehicle list and authorized the purchase.

D. SECOND READING & ADOPTION OF LOCAL SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE NO. 663

The City Council waived reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 663** entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Gabriel, California, Rescinding Ordinance No. 588-C.S. and Establishing Local Speed Limits Based on an Engineering and Traffic Survey," which keeps all posted speed limits unchanged.

E. PURCHASE OF STENCIL PAINT TRUCK

The City Council:

1. Authorized exclusion to formal bidding and approved the Cooperative Purchase Agreement consistent with the piggyback bidding requirements pursuant to Municipal Code Section 34.35; and
2. Authorized the City Manager to approve a Purchase Order to National Auto Fleet Group in an amount not to exceed \$136,145.54 from the Gas Tax fund account 124-800-41-99-767.

F. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LASERFICHE SOFTWARE

The City Council approved the Police Department's purchase of Laserfiche software from Complete Paperless Solutions.

G. PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PROGRAM

The City Council:

1. Elected the following eligible activity, subject to Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and State approval, for the 5-year PLHA Plan Grant period: The predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of multifamily, residential live-work, rental housing that is affordable to extremely low-, very low-, low-, or moderate-income households, including necessary operating subsidies;
2. Allocated, upon Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and State approval, the PLHA allocation for year 1 of the program to eligible activity #1;
3. Adopted **Resolution No. 20-52**; and
4. Authorized the City Manager to execute new contracts with the LACDA for the 6-year PLHA Plan grant period and for year 1 of the allocation, and make adjustments as necessary to reflect the actual allocation of funds to San Gabriel.

H. AGREEMENT FOR USE OF SMITH PARK POOL BY MID VALLEY WATER POLO

The City Council approved the agreement with Mid Valley Water Polo for use of Smith Park Pool to be effective immediately and end June 30, 2021.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 670 ESTABLISHING THE HUMAN EQUITY, ACCESS RELATIONS (HEAR) COMMISSION

The staff presentation was made by City Manager Lazzaretto, who also noted an error on the item title on the agenda and clarified that the item tonight is for the introduction of the ordinance, not the adoption.

The following provided comments in favor of adopting the ordinance: Felix L. Nuñez, MD, MPH, Medical Director – Inland Empire, Molina Healthcare of California; Dr. Chasity Jennings-Nuñez; Maria Lalin; George Valdez; G. Sanchez, resident; Catherine Cordero; Joshua Raymundo; Cheryl Cabot, resident; Isela Salazar; Lisa Gutierrez-Correa; Santiago Salazar; Jeanne Raya, resident; and Gabriel Frank-McPheter.

Sue Fitzsimmons provided comments requesting appointment to the new commission.

Mary Fischer provided comments expressing concerns and questions about the commission and her opposition to defunding of the Police Department.

The following provided comments in opposition to adoption of the ordinance: Richard I. Valenzuela, Jr, MBA; Anna Battaglia, resident; Mario Pace, resident; and Isela Bowles.

Discussion included the history of this item, related stakeholder meetings, and details and purposes of the Commission; resource referrals for services outside of City responsibility areas; past areas of concern on racial issues; collaboration with the Police Department; support for faith-based groups; improving racial relations through dialogue; concern about a commission with no clear purpose and no power; delaying a decision on this item pending information on anticipated staff involvement and corresponding dollar cost and service impact, and cost for forums, meetings and City Attorney services; concern about commissioner qualifications for this Commission; desire for appointees to be apolitical, and to have no liaison to the City Council; greater transparency and community involvement by having seven commission members; benefits of improved communication within the community, and of having non-resident business people on the Commission; desire to know how much staff time is spent on each City commission; commendation for the San Gabriel Police Department; the Commission as preventive care; the to-be-determined work plan determining the budget for the Commission; commissioner qualifications are intended for diversity rather than discrimination; liaison language is permissive rather than mandatory; and an offer of outside help for the Commission.

A motion was made by Mayor Menchaca, seconded by Vice Mayor Liao to waive full reading, read by title only, and introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 670 Establishing the Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commission and Codifying the Same Under Chapter 33 (Commissions) of Title III (Administration) of the San Gabriel Municipal Code.

In response to a question from a Council Member, City Attorney Lemieux provided clarification that the intention of the ordinance wording was that the Commission should represent a cross-section of the community, selected for a diversity of perspectives, rather than mandating criteria for appointments.

Council Member Pu requested a friendly-amendment to the motion to correct the Municipal Code Chapter Number to 33 and to remove the words, "and scope" on

both the third page of the ordinance under subsection C, Qualifications, under subsection 1, and on the fifth page under Powers and Duties, at the end of subsection E.

The motion was amended accordingly by Mayor Menchaca, seconded by Vice Mayor Liao.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-1 as follows:

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

B. YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 AND FIRST QUARTER UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

The staff presentation was made by Management Specialist Julia James.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included timing for receiving Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT); Mission Playhouse deficit details; commendation to staff for reducing expenditures; factors that affect the Utility Users Tax (UUT) revenues; County pool sales tax from online sales; development impact fees; communication of budget information to City employees; and Mission Playhouse revenues during the COVID-19 restrictions.

A motion was made by Mayor Menchaca, seconded by Vice Mayor Liao, to:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 20-50** approving proposed amendments to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and proposed carryovers to the 2020-21 Fiscal Year; and
2. Adopt **Resolution No. 20-53** amending the Fund Balance Policy.

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

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

C. SAN GABRIEL TRAVEL AND TOURISM ANNUAL REPORT

The staff presentation was made by Economic Development Manager Domenica Megerdichian. Tom Kubo, Chairperson of the San Gabriel Tourism & Travel Board, representing the San Gabriel Hilton Hotel, and Fred Kokash, Treasurer of the Board, representing the San Gabriel Sheraton Hotel, were also present to answer questions.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included hotel trends and accommodations during COVID-19 restrictions, and funding for the Tourism and Marketing Improvement District.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Council Member Ding to accept and file the San Gabriel Travel and Tourism Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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

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

D. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON MISSION PLAYHOUSE “THINK TANK” COMMITTEE

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

There was no public comment.

Discussion included the number of meetings anticipated; fund-raising development and marketing ideas and status; contacts with other related groups; status of exterior restoration painting; participation of community members on the committee; and future opportunities for Council Member participation.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Council Member Pu, to continue the meeting past 11:00 P.M.

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

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

A motion was made by Council Member Pu, seconded by Council Member Ding to appoint Vice Mayor Liao and Mayor Menchaca to the Committee.

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 received a consensus of the City Council to cancel the regular City Council meeting of November 3, 2020, due to the national election; and City Council approval for a special City Council meeting to be held on October 27, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. regarding animal control services.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Vice Mayor Liao reported his attendance at a San Gabriel Hope Lions Club installation and detailed recent Club activities.

Council Member Pu reported that he would be attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference and would have news from the Council of Governments (COG) at the next meeting.

Council Member Ding reported his attendance at the San Gabriel Hope Lions Club installation where he was installed as First Vice-President and commented on upcoming Club donation plans.

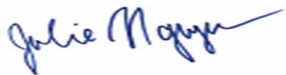
Mayor Menchaca reported she would be attending the League of California Cities conference virtually.

10. CLOSED SESSION – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Menchaca adjourned the meeting at 11:14 P.M. in memory of United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Respectfully submitted:



JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 20th day of October, 2020:



DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor