



**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 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 6:32 P.M. on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, with all Council Members and staff participating by teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Menchaca.

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

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 and Police Chief Harris.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous resident provided comments in favor of adopting Ordinance No. 670 establishing the Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commission.

Dr. Chasity Jennings-Nuñez provide comments expressing dissatisfaction with comments made by Council Member Harrington regarding the formation of the HEAR Commission.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chief City Clerk Clark stated that staff respectfully requested that item 4H, the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 670 establishing the Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commission, be approved with two administrative changes. When the item was approved at introduction, changes were approved to remove the words "and scope" from proposed Municipal Code Sections 33.52(C) and 33.56(D), so staff requested that adoption of Ordinance No. 670 would include those changes.

Regarding Item 4H, comments in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 670 establishing the HEAR Commission were provided by Anna Battaglia, resident; and Mario Pace, resident; and Isela Bowles provided comments expressing concerns related to the formation of the Commission.

Vice Mayor Liao pulled Item 4I for separate discussion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Council Member Pu, to approve Consent Calendar Items 4A – 4G as presented, and Item 4H as amended per staff's request as detailed above.

Motion approved Consent Calendar Items 4A – 4G as presented and Item 4H as amended by a vote of 5-0 as follows:

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

Regarding Item 4I, in response to questions from Vice Mayor Liao, Community Services/Interim Mission Playhouse Director Perez provided details about the grant process.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Liao, seconded by Mayor Menchaca, to approve Consent Calendar Item 4I as presented.

Motion approved Consent Calendar Item 4I 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 October 6, 2020.

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS

The City Council approved the September 25, 2020, and October 1, 2020, Registers of Demands and Warrants for the payment of City expenditures.

C. CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020

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

D. PHONE SERVICES PROVIDER SELECTION

The City Council approved Ring Central as the City's phone service provider and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement with Ring Central for phone services.

E. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-54 REVISING PAY SCHEDULES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2019

The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 20-54** amending the pay ranges listed in the Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) with the Firefighters' Association (FFA), Fire Management Group (FMG), Police Officers' Association (POA), and Police Management Group (PMG) in effect from July 1, 2017, through August 31, 2019, to address the findings made by the audit and bring the City's authorized pay schedules into compliance with Public Employees' Retirement Law and Public Employees' Pension Reform Act.

F. APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A WORKERS' COMPENSATION ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND POLICE MANAGEMENT GROUP

The City Council approved the Workers' Compensation Alternative Dispute Resolution Memoranda of Understandings and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreements.

G. 2018 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM – RADIO PURCHASE

The City Council:

1. Waived formal bidding to purchase the items from Motorola Solutions pursuant to Municipal Code §34.34;
2. Authorized the Police Chief to accept the 2018 SHSP grant and authorized the purchase of the Motorola equipment using the allocated SHSP grant funding;
3. Approved an increase to estimated revenue (account 186-3215) and appropriation (transfers out) in 'Other Grants' Fund by \$70,199; and increased estimated revenue (transfers in) and appropriation in Capital/Special Projects Funds (account 124-751-57-99-380) by \$70,199; and
4. Adopted **Resolution No. 20-51** accepting the Grant and terms thereof, and amending the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operating Budget accordingly.

H. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 670 ESTABLISHING 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

The City Council waived reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 670** establishing the Human Equity, Access and Relations (HEAR) Commission under Chapter 33 (COMMISSIONS) of TITLE III (ADMINISTRATION) of the San Gabriel Municipal Code.

I. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSITION 68 – ROUND 4 GRANT APPLICATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET

The City Council:

1. Adopted **Resolution No. 20-55** approving the City's application for grant funds through the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program; and
2. Adopted **Resolution No. 20-66** appropriating \$22,700 from Development Impact Fees into account 124-850-40-96-814 for the grant expenses.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE

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

There was no public comment.

Discussion included allocation of the Athens contract-extension revenue and any surplus revenue; appreciation for the increased detail in the Budget Updates; street-paving needs; and financial uncertainty during the COVID-19 crisis.

The City Council received and filed the report.

B. SIXTH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) FOR THE 2021-2029 PLANNING PERIOD

The staff presentation was made by Planning Manager Samantha Tewesart.

There was no public comment.

Discussion included costs to file an appeal; transit-oriented housing and job centers; effects of remote-working on the housing market; upcoming affordable-housing projects in the City; consequences of not meeting RHNA requirements and alternative ways to comply with State law through the City's Housing Element and zoning; failure of past appeals; successful appeals resulting in other communities having an increased number of units allotted; methodology for allocation; higher-density future projects; upcoming Housing Element update; and filing an appeal as a defensive measure in case other cities file appeals.

There was a consensus of the City Council to direct staff to file an appeal of the allocated RHNA units-number for the City.

C. FILM-FRIENDLY CITY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S FILM-FRIENDLINESS INITIATIVE AND TEMPORARY FILM FEE SCHEDULE

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

There was no public comment.

Discussion included that additional services provided by the City would be billed separately; this is a temporary fee schedule while a fee schedule study is being

conducted and during the pandemic; alignment with FilmLA for marketing and fee structure; the value of Historic sites to filmmakers; getting input from the Historic Preservation and Cultural Resources Commission; filming-permit details; this item is the first of several film initiatives; and past filming activity in the City.

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

1. Support the Film-Friendliness Initiative of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC); and
2. Adopt **Resolution No. 20-57** approving the Temporary Film Fee Schedule as a part of the Economic Development 10-Point Plan.

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 – None.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Council Member Pu reported on his attendance of the virtual League of California Cities Annual Conference where he was appointed First Vice-President of the Asian-Pacific Islander (API) Caucus; and on the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) Governing Board meeting where he was elected as Chair of the Transportation Committee.

Council Member Ding reported on his attendance of the virtual California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Annual Conference.

Vice Mayor Liao announced that Athens Services will give away free compost on October 24, 2020, from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. at Vincent Lugo Park.

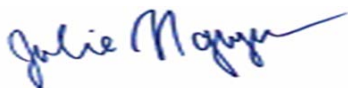
Mayor Menchaca reported on her attendance of the virtual League of California Cities Annual Conference.

10. CLOSED SESSION – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Menchaca adjourned the meeting at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



JULIE NGUYEN, City Clerk

Approved this 17th day of November, 2020:



DENISE MENCHACA, Mayor