



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 - 6:30 pm

Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Denise Delmar called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk Sue Spears called the roll.

Present: Mayor Denise Delmar, Mayor Pro Tem John Harabedian, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, John Capoccia, and Gene Goss

Absent: None

Also Present: Gabe Engeland, City Manager
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney
Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk
Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works
Vincent Gonzalez, Planning & Community Preservation Director
Miguel Hernandez, Human Resources Manager
Joe Ortiz, Police Chief
Jose Reynoso, Utility Services Director
Christine Smart, City Librarian
Rebecca Silva-Barrón, Community Services Manager
Sue Spears, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Council Member Goss led the Pledge of Allegiance and read five quotes by President George Washington to honor him ahead of President's Day next week.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

Mayor Delmar asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Arizmendi moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Harabedian seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Mayor Denise Delmar, Mayor Pro Tem John Harabedian and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, John Capoccia, and Gene Goss

Noes: None

Absent: None

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was passed unanimously.

REPORT ON THE CLOSED SESSION SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Delmar announced that there was no Closed Session Special Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Delmar asked for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 22, 2019 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting Town Hall Forum on January 28, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Harabedian moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 22, 2019 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting Town Hall Forum on January 28, 2019 as presented.

Council Member Arizmendi seconded the motion to approve.

Ayes: Mayor Denise Delmar, Mayor Pro Tem John Harabedian and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, John Capoccia, and Gene Goss
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

The motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 22, 2019 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting Town Hall Forum on January 28, 2019 as presented was passed unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS – did not take place.

PRESENTATION – GIFT FROM THE STUDENTS AT ST. RITA SCHOOL TO THE SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL

Ellen Hoffman, 1st Grade Teacher, St. Rita School, presented a banner thanking the Sierra Madre City Council that was made by St. Rita School students in Grades 1 & 5. Attending the presentation with Ms. Hoffman were Joanne Harabedian, Principal, Mary Ann Griffin, 5th Grade Teacher, Maureen Usle, Banner Designer, and students from St. Rita School.

PRESENTATION – GIFT FROM THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY TO THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

Caroline Brown, President, Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy, presented to the City Council a "Parklands and Open Space Land" Map for Sierra Madre and the surrounding areas. Mayor Delmar accepted the map on behalf of the City Council. Attending with Ms. Brown were Albert Metzger, Vice President, and Marguerite Shuster, Secretary.

PRESENTATION BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Jeannette Soriano, Government Relations Manager, Southern California Edison, and Erik Titano, Senior Analyst, Business Outage Communications, Southern California Edison made an informational presentation that included a PowerPoint titled "Southern California Edison." The main topics were:

- SCE Mission and Vision
- About Southern California Edison
- 2017 At a Glance
- Achieving Clean Air Goals
- SCE's Integrated Solutions
- Building the Grid of the Future
- How We Work with Local Government
- SCE Coordination with Local Government
- Customer Programs
- Community Resilience and Preparedness
- Outage Communications: SCE Outage Center – 24 Hour Outage Hotline: 800-611-1911
- Reporting Downed Wires/Hazards
- Contact Information: Report Outages 800-611-1911 and Customer Support 800-655-4555

Mayor Delmar asked if any Member of the Council had any questions about the Southern California Edison.

In response to a question by Council Member Arizmendi regarding maintenance outages affecting business owners, Mr. Titano said that (1) residential maintenance outage work is done Mondays – Fridays during the daytime, (2) commercial maintenance outage work needs to be done during daylight hours, (3) there is no set day and time that commercial maintenance outage work takes place, and (4) SCE looks at what is most convenient for the majority of its customers.

Mayor Pro Tem Harabedian expressed appreciation to now have the 24-Hour Outage Hotline number and information on downloading the SCE phone app. He requested that City Staff and Council Members be provided with the non-public SCE telephone number to have in case of an emergency, power outage, etc.

In response to a comment by Council Member Capoccia that the SCE power outage website is frequently slow and not up to date, Mr. Titano said that the SCE is aware and working to address this problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Delmar opened the meeting for Public Comment on items not on the agenda.

- Marguerite Shuster, Sierra Madre, expressed (1) concern that the City does not have an ordinance forbidding electrified fencing, (2) that this is a problem, especially in the hillside areas, and (3) that she is requesting that the City Council adopt such an ordinance and, if necessary, it be an urgency ordinance.
- Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Senator Anthony J. Portantino, announced that Senator Portantino's Office is sponsoring an event at the Hart Park House on March 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at which many topics of special interest to seniors will be presented.
- Geoffrey Middlebrook, Sierra Madre, expressed concern with the frequent SCE power outages, especially for the "Lima Circuit."
- Nancy Beckham, Sierra Madre, expressed her concern that LA County was planning to spray "Monsanto Roundup Pro" on the paved roadway from Bailey Canyon Park (she said that this plan is now being postponed pending LA County conversation with City Staff.)
- Maria Orta, Customer Service Specialist, LA County Sanitation District, (1) spoke about the labor dispute between LA County and the employees of the LA County Sanitation District and (2) sought City Council support for the Union's proposal.
- Caroline Brown, Sierra Madre, (1) announced that a celebration of the Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy's 30th Year Anniversary will take place in the Fall of 2019 and (2) expressed her support of an ordinance prohibiting electrified fencing.
- Pat Holland, Sierra Madre, thanked the City Council Members, City Manager Engeland, and Public Works Director Cimino for the completion of the water line replacement project on the following streets: S. Canon, Colony Dr., Holdman Ave., Mt. Trail Ave., Oak Meadow Pl., Rancho Rd., San Gabriel Ct., and Santa Anita Ct. He commented that the job was done well, the contractor was excellent, communication was outstanding, and that the residents were treated with consideration and understanding.

Mayor Delmar asked if anyone else would like to come forward to speak on items not on the agenda. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Delmar closed Public Comment.

In response to a question by Mayor Delmar, City Manger Engeland said the issue of electrified fencing will be on a future City Council Meeting.

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

1. CONSENT:

City Clerk Spears gave the following report under the Consent Calendar:

- a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 19-05 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS - Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 19-05 for approval of payment of City warrants in aggregate amount of \$494,871.20; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of \$11,030.74, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of \$648,052.36 for the fiscal year ending June 2019.

Mayor Delmar asked if any Member of the Council had any questions about Consent Item 1a. No questions were asked.

Mayor Delmar opened the meeting for Public Comment on the Consent Item 1a. Seeing no one, Mayor Delmar closed Public Comment and brought the Consent Item 1a back to the Council for discussion. No discussion occurred.

Council Member Capoccia made a motion to approve Consent Item 1a as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Harabedian seconded the motion for approval.

Ayes: Mayor Denise Delmar, Mayor Pro Tem John Harabedian, and Council Members Rachele Arizmendi, John Capoccia, and Gene Goss

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

The motion to approve Consent Calendar Item 1a as presented was passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION – CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION AND THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION – Recommendation that the City Council provide direction.

Assistant City Clerk Aguilar gave a report on this item, stating that (1) currently both the Senior Community Commission Community Services Commission each have two vacancies and (2) three applications have been submitted for each commission. It is recommended that the City Council provide Staff with direction regarding appointments to the Senior Community Commission and Community Services Commission.

Mayor Delmar asked if any Member of the Council had questions on this item.

In response to a question by Council Member Capoccia, Assistant City Clerk Aguilar said that the youth position on the Community Services Commission can be filled by an adult.

Mayor Delmar invited the applicants (in alphabetical order) for the Senior Community Commission to come to the podium to speak about their interest and qualifications as follows:

- Isabel Bronzina, Pasadena
- Marlene Enmark, Sierra Madre
- Patricia Krok, Sierra Madre

Mayor Delmar opened this item for Public Comment and asked if anyone would like to come forward to comment on this item.

- Anita Thompson, Sierra Madre, expressed her support for Marlene Enmark and Patricia Krok for the Senior Community Commission.

Mayor Delmar asked if anyone else would like to come forward to comment on this item. Seeing no one, Mayor Delmar closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion.

Discussion occurred and there was consensus that Sierra Madre residents Marlene Enmark and Patrick Krok be appointed to the Senior Community Commission. Council Members expressed that they were extremely impressed with Isabel Bronzina's extensive resume, experiences, and her volunteering at the Hart Park House, but that she is not a Sierra Madre resident.

Mayor Delmar invited the applicants (in alphabetical order) for the Community Services Commission to come to the podium to speak about their interest and qualifications as follows:

- Liza Kerrigan, Sierra Madre
- London Koprowski (youth) – Not Present
- Karen Rowinsky, Sierra Madre

Mayor Delmar opened this item for Public Comment and asked if anyone would like to come forward to comment on this item.

- Pat Alcorn, Sierra Madre, expressed her support for Karen Rowinsky for the Community Services Commission.

Mayor Delmar asked if anyone else would like to come forward to comment on this item. Seeing no one, Mayor Delmar closed Public Comment and brought the matter back to the Council for discussion.

Discussion occurred and there was consensus that (1) Liza Kerrigan and Karen Rowinsky be appointed to the Community Services Commission, with Liza Kerrigan to a term ending 6/2022 and Karen Rowinsky to a term ending 6/2020 and (2) London Koprowski be appointed as a Youth Advisor to the Community Services Commission for a one-year term.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Delmar asked the members of the City Council if there any new items for future meeting agendas.

Mayor Delmar stated that electrified fencing will be on a future meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Delmar asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harabedian.

Ayes: Mayor Denise Delmar, Mayor Pro Tem John Harabedian, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, John Capoccia, and Gene Goss.

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

THIS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 8:14 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, in the Sierra Madre City Hall Council Chambers.



Denise Delmar, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:


Sue Spears, City Clerk