

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY



*John Capoccia, Mayor
Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem
Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Member
Denise Delmar, Council Member
John Harabedian, Council Member*

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Closed Session 5:30 pm

Open Session 6:30 pm

City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, California 91024

*Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk
Richard Mays, City Treasurer*

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council will listen to the public on any item on the agenda. Under the Brown Act, Council is prohibited from taking action on items not on the agenda, but the matter may be referred to staff or to a subsequent meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by appropriate City Council action.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Persons wishing to speak on any item on the agenda will be called at the time the agenda item is brought forward. Persons wishing to speak on closed session items have a choice of doing so either immediately prior to the closed session or at the time for comments on items at the open session.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Time shall be devoted to audience participation early on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Goss, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Delmar, and Council Member Harabedian

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding Closed Session Items

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION REGARDING:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

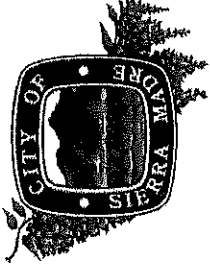
Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section G.C 54956.9 (d)(1)
CETT v. City of Sierra Madre, et. al.

PERSONNEL

Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: City Manager

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY



*John Capoccia, Mayor
Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem
Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Member
Denise Delmar, Council Member
John Harabedian, Council Member*

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Closed Session 5:30 pm

Open Session 6:30 pm

City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, California 91024

*Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk
Richard Mays, City Treasurer*

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council will listen to the public on any item on the agenda. Under the Brown Act, Council is prohibited from taking action on items not on the agenda, but the matter may be referred to staff or to a subsequent meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by appropriate City Council action.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Persons wishing to speak on any item on the agenda will be called at the time the agenda item is brought forward. Persons wishing to speak on closed session items have a choice of doing so either immediately prior to the closed session or at the time for comments on items at the open session.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Time shall be devoted to audience participation early on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Goss, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Delmar, and Council Member Harabedian

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding Closed Session Items

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION REGARDING:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section G.C 54956.9 (d)(1)
CETT v. City of Sierra Madre, et. al.

PERSONNEL

Pursuant to Calif. Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: City Manager

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Goss,
Council Members Arizmendi, Delmar, and Harabedian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION

Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney report from the closed session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vote of the Council to proceed with City business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council
meeting on September 22, 2015

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member activities relating to City business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding items not on the Agenda.

PRESENTATION

Introduction of the new Community Services Manager
Dani Cullens

PRESENTATION

Annual report from Board Member Michael Cacciotti of
the South Coast Air Quality Management District

PRESENTATION

Planning and Community Preservation Department
Annual Report

ACTION ITEMS

1. CONSENT

a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-60 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

Recommendation that the City Council approve
Resolution 15-60 for approval of payment of
City Warrants in aggregate amount of
\$129,184.86; Library warrants in the aggregate
amount of \$6,310.02, and payroll transfer in the
aggregate amount of \$336,965.39 for fiscal years
ending June 30, 2015 and June 2016.

b) RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE CONSERVATION SYSTEMS LEAK DETECTION EQUIPMENT

Recommendation that the City Council approve
the purchase of Tri-Corr Touch Leak Detection
equipment manufactured by Fluid Conservation
Systems (FCS) for an amount not to exceed
\$25,000

c) RECOMMENDATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROOM ADDITION ON THE SENIOR CENTER/HART PARK HOUSE FOR STORAGE PURPOSES

Recommendation that the City Council approve
plans and specifications for the construction of a
storage room addition on the Senior Center/Hart
Park House and direct staff to advertise the
project for bids.

d) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 15-61
ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
EMPLOYMENT FOR PART-TIME
EMPLOYEES AND ADOPTING
RESOLUTION 15-62 ADDING
UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES TO
CaIPERS PEMHCA HEALTH

Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 15-61 amending the Terms and Conditions of Employment for part-time employees and Resolution 15-62 electing to be subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an equal amount for Employees and annuitants with respect to recognized employee organization.

e) AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS ON
BEHALF OF PUBLIC FINANCING
AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Recommendation that the City Council approve the payment of \$998,922.17 for the demands paid by the City on behalf of the Public Finance Authority and City Successor Agency.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS)
GRANT FUNDING FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016

Recommendation that the City Council hold a Public Hearing and accept the COPS grant funds, provide direction to staff for the Community Service Officer Program, and approve appropriations and expenditures.

3. URGENCY ORDINANCE 1367-U ADDING
CHAPTER 15.38 TO TITLE 15 OF THE SIERRA
MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR
SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR
ENERGY SYSTEMS AND DECLARING THE
URGENCY THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 36934 AND
36937

Recommendation that the City Council hold a Public Hearing and direct the City Attorney to introduce and read by title only, waiving further reading of Urgency Ordinance 1367-U entitled:

Urgency Ordinance 1367-U adding Chapter 15.38 to Title 15 (Building and Construction) regarding expedited permitting procedures for small residential rooftop solar energy systems in accordance with Government Code Sections 36934 and 36937.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction regarding the appointment of Commissioners to the Community Services Commission, and provide staff with direction regarding which applicant is serving the full term and which is completing the partial term.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING UTILITY USERS
TAX MEASURE AT THE APRIL 12, 2016
MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council is prohibited from taking action on items not on the agenda, but the matter may be referred to staff or to a subsequent meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by Council action.

ACTION ITEMS

Regardless of staff recommendation on any agenda item, the City Council will consider such matters, including action to approve, conditionally approve, reject, or continue such item.

PUBLIC HEARING

The appellant and/or applicant will each be provided a total of ten (10) minutes to address their item. A portion of their allotted time may be reserved for rebuttal or a summary conclusion at the close of public comment. All other speakers will be limited to a total of three continuous minutes, which cannot be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by appropriate City Council action.

AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA MATERIALS

Materials related to items on this agenda are available for public inspection on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, and during normal business hours at City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. and at the Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

LIVE BROADCASTS

Regular City Council meetings are broadcasted live on Cable Channel 3 and rebroadcast on Wednesday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

MEETING ASSISTANCE

If you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call the City Manager's office at (626) 355-7135 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council will adjourn to a Regular Meeting at this same place on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

Agenda
Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Closed Session: 5:30 p.m.; Open Session: 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard

John Capoccia, Mayor, opened the Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council, Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor asked for public comment and there was none, so the Mayor immediately adjourned to a Closed Session. The City Council returned from Closed Session at 6:34 p.m. and the Mayor opened the Open Session at 6:40 p.m. Nancy Sue Shollenberger, City Clerk, read the Roll noting that all City Council Members were present.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Present:	John Capoccia, Mayor; Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar and John Harabedian
Absent:	None
Also Present:	Elaine Aguilar, City Manager Elisa Cox, Assistant City Manager Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation Carolyn Thomas, Director of Library Services Larry Giannone, Director of Public Safety Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works Dani Cullens, Community Services Manager Nancy Sue Shollenberger, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem, led the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with the following prayer:

“Father in Heaven,

Tonight as we gather in your presence to do the people’s business, please guide us all in a spirit of constructiveness and goodwill. Inform our deliberations with your patience and wisdom. Help the Council and the Citizens of Sierra Madre to meet the many serious challenges we face. Please bless us with the discretion to make fruitful and just decisions to benefit, not just the few, but the public good. We know that with your guidance our democratic spirit will prevail and Sierra Madre will continue to move forward. In God’s name we pray. Amen”

REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney, reported that the City Council met in Closed Session this evening to discuss the following:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to California Government Code Section G.C 54956.9(d)(1)
CETT v. City of Sierra Madre, et al.

The City Attorney stated that the City Council received information only, and no action was taken. Also, Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi was excused from participation.

Personnel
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: City Manager

The City Attorney stated that the City Council discussed future forms to be used. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Denise Delmar for approval of the Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of the City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2015:

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi made the following change to the Minutes:

Page 13 of 17 read: Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, noted that the UUT at 10% or 12% isn't the answer for our infrastructure. All eggs can't be in the UUT basket. I have a problem with 12%. I am comfortable with 10% for four or five years, and the 12% will still be there.

Council Member Arizmendi asked that the last sentence read: I am comfortable with 10% and delete the balance of the sentence.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss made the following addition to the Minutes:

Page 8 of 17:

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, also thanked the Committee for their hard work. You did a fantastic job! You have a good handle on what you want to accomplish. The UUT lost twice! How do we approach?

Mayor Pro Tem Goss asked that the last sentence read: How do we approach the public?

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi moved and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss for approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2015 with the changes made above. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- 1) Council Member, Denise Delmar, announced that she attended the League of Cities as Delegate and sat through the voting process. Many items were discussed. Attended the Oct. 3rd Wine, Beer and Rhythm. Businesses on Montecito are a great group. Thanks to Dorothy for organizing the Honor's Dinner at Alverno High School.
- 2) Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi congratulated the awardees of the Honor's Night Dinner, staff and Bob Spears need to be applauded.
- 3) Council Member, John Harabedian, also thanked all the honorees. It was a great event held each year, even though I wasn't able to attend this year. I appreciate the volunteers. Thanks to all.
- 4) Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, also attended the Honor's Dinner, it was a lot of fun. The Sheriff's contract committee met to a packed house one week ago. Another meeting will be held on October 26th at 6:00 p.m. Representatives from the Sheriff's Department will be present to answer questions. Please attend. The committee will be making a decision that will be forwarded to the City Council.
- 5) Mayor, John Capoccia, announced that he will be attending the Mayor's Conference on Water next Thursday and Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Caroline Brown, Alta Vista Drive

Ms. Brown announced that she couldn't attend the Honor's Dinner. The City honors the volunteers. She remarked that she got the City reinstated as Tree City USA last April. A proclamation was presented. The trees planted on E. Grand View that were planted were stressed and only one survived. We need to go at another time of the year. Maybe November would be a good month. She presented a banner to the City, and a baseball cap and pin to the Mayor.

Mayor Capoccia thanked Caroline Brown for all the items. A picture of them was taken. The Mayor will wear the hat at the planting - on November 7th, we need volunteers.

Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Community Relations Manager, L. A. County Metro Transportation Authority.

Ms. De Loza-Gutierrez announced that the Gold Line Extension will be announced on October 22nd. She left business cards with the City Council. We look forward to working with you. The Metro Gold Line, it is estimated, will open no earlier than March 1st.

Eva Norman, Brookside Lane

Ms. Norman wanted the City Council to know that she is getting rocks, sand and dirt in their pipes, and they changed the pipes. We had the filter replaced and it breaks down. We are getting brown water. It is a tri-plex. The toilets get clogged and run continuously. Also faucets get clogged and they build up pressure. My water bill is high. The Water Dept. wants to help, and you need to spend money on Brookside. I wanted to share this with you. I am buying drinking water. I ask for mercy and help. Thank you for your time.

Barry Ziff, Trustee of the Library

Mr. Ziff wanted to update everyone on the activities at the Library.

- Read Books, eat burgers – In & Out is offering hamburgers now through November 14th.
- Get carded month – obtain a new card – FREE.
- Library Service, next Tuesday, 6:30 – please come as the future of the Library will be discussed. Organizations will be at the meeting.
- Material use is up 10%.
- Go by the Library and pick up a calendar on all the activities at the Library.
- Historical Society will conduct a Historical Cemetery Tour on Saturday from 4:00-6:00 p.m.. Find out about our Cemetery. Ticket at gate is \$5.00.

Carolyn Dasher

Ms. Dasher announced that she had a meeting with James Carlson. How do we get back on our wells? Maybe you could have videos on how the residents can save water. Reduce our source water.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, asked that Carolyn Dasher contact the Mayor, he would be a great one to put a video together.

Julie Weston, Crown Castle, Sierra Vista Park Towers

Ms. Weston works with landlords to discuss leases. City receives \$55,000/yr. We could extend the lease and increase the rent, maybe perpetual lease. We will pay up to \$1M for perpetual easement. We will prepare a proposal. I talked with Bruce Inman about the options. We intend to be a good tenant. We are available to you for more information. Crown Castle wants to be your partner. Hope to hear from you on the leases.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, noted that she will agendize this to come to the City Council.

The Mayor closed public comment portion of meeting.

PRESENTATION:

Introduction of the new Community Services Manager, Dani Cullens.

Elisa Cox, Assistant City Manager, presented the new Community Services Manager, Dani Cullens, and gave a history of her background.

Dani Cullens remarked that she is really excited to be here. Everyone is awesome and genuinely nice people.

PRESENTATION:

Annual report from Board Member Michael Cacciotti of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Michael Cacciotti, Governing Board Member and Councilmember, South Pasadena, representing the Cities of Los Angeles County, Eastern Region.

Mr. Cacciotti presented a folder to the City Council and staff. He reviewed the history of South Coast AQMD, presented a chart on Air Quality Trend, SCAQMD Air Monitoring, The Challenges to Meeting Air Quality Health standards, Top NOx Emissions Sources in 2032, PM 10, PM 2.5 & Ultrafine Particles, Health Impacts, Clean Air Investments in the City of Sierra Madre, Clean Air Funding Available. Examples of SCAQMD Clean Air Partnership Opportunities, Commercial Electric Lawn Equipment Demonstration. Mr. Cacciotti represents the City of Sierra Madre at SCAQMD.

Council Member, John Harabedian, thanked Mr. Cacciotti for coming and the excellent presentation.

The City Manager noted that the City uses Merchant Landscape.

Council Member Harabedian asked Mr. Cacciotti if he does tours?

Mr. Cacciotti announced that you just have to let me know and I will arrange a one-hour tour. We have videos to show you. It is a great time to learn. We also provide lunch!

PRESENTATION:

Planning and Community Preservation Department Annual Report.

Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation Department, gave the following report:

Department Overview:

- Provides day-to-day public assistance and responds to inquiries regarding zoning, land use and building construction.
- Provides plan check services conducts site inspections, and issues permits per zoning and building and safety codes.
- Processes discretionary applications including variances, minor and major conditional use permits, hillside development permits, and prepares associated environmental documents per local and state law.
- Implements policies of the General Plan.
- Prepares Municipal Code text amendments, zone changes and General Plan amendments.
- Conducts Code Enforcement investigations to abate code violations and public nuisance complaints.
- Coordinates and monitors on-location filming and photo shoots.
- Serves as staff liaison to the Planning Commission.

Organizational Chart:

Planning & Community Preservation Director
Pt. Code Enforcement (960 hours)
Administrative Analyst
Pt Film Monitor (960 hours)
Contract Building Official
Planning Manager
Contract Structural Engineer
Assistant Planning
Contract Building Inspector

Planning and Building & Safety Activities: Fiscal Year 2014-2015

• Planning Commission Meetings	22
• Planning Applications Processed	89
• Counter Visits	1,775
• Plan Checks	144
• Building Permits Issued	699
• Building Inspections	1,510
• Code Enforcement Cases	140
• Filming Permits Issued	14

Accomplishments – Policy:

- Adoption of General Plan update and Final EIR
- Adopted a Water Meter Moratorium prohibiting issuance of permits for new single-family construction requiring new water meter service.
- Adopted Graywater Ordinance requiring stub-outs for new single-family construction.
- Amended development standards in the R-1 Single-Family Zone.
- Adopted and amended the demolition ordinance.
- Adopted and rescinded a demolition moratorium for single-family and duplexes built prior to December 31, 1940.
- Updated Planning and Development Fees
- Updated construction valuation rates using International Code Council (ICC) standards.

Accomplishments – Projects:

- Completed the Kensington Assisted Living Facility.
- Approved a Disposition and Development Agreement and project entitlements for 186 W. Highland Avenue for the construction of three moderate income units for first-time homebuyers.
- Granted Cultural Landmark Status to the First-Church of Christ Scientist Building (186 W. Highland Avenue).
- Granted Cultural Landmark Status to the Knott-Klemme Residence at 354 North Canon Drive.

Accomplishments – Staffing:

- Hired a full-time Planning and Community Preservation Director
- Hired a full-time Assistant Planning
- Hired a part-time Code Enforcement Officer

What to Expect in FY 2015-2016:

- General Plan Implementation
- 2014-2021 Housing Element Implementation
- Continue to process discretionary applications including Stonegate Hillside Development Permit applications.
- Process Municipal Code text amendments to comply with recent State law requirements.

Mayor, John Capoccia, thanked Mr. Gonzalez for his in-depth report. We appreciate the good work you are doing. We're on the right track.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) CONSENT CALENDAR

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager, gave the following report under the Consent Calendar:

1a). WARRANTS

Staff is recommending adoption of Resolution No. 15-60 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS" and approval for payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$129,184.86; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in aggregate amount of \$6,310.02 and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$336,965.39 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

1b). RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE FLUID CONSERVATION SYSTEMS LEAK DETECTION EQUIPMENT.

In light of the dramatic recent increase in the number of water system leaks experienced by the City, existing staff is stretched thin in trying to repair all leaks in a timely manner. Public Works staff has had an opportunity to test advanced leak detection equipment which cannot only used to detect system leaks that are not visible on the ground, but can also greatly decrease the amount of time spent on individual leak repairs.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the purchase of Tri-Corr Touch Leak Detection Equipment manufactured by Fluid Conservation Systems (FCS) for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

- 1c). RECOMMENDATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROOM ADDITION ON THE SENIOR CENTER/HART PARK HOUSE FOR STORAGE PURPOSES

Plans and specifications have been completed by a consulting architect and city staff. The plans have been approved by Building and Safety, the Fire Department and Public Works. These bid documents are ready to be issued for bidding purposes.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the plans and specifications for the construction of the Storage Room Addition on the Senior Center/Hart Park House and direct staff to advertise the project for bids.

- 1d). APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-61 ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 15-62 ADDING UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES TO CALPERS PEMHCA HEALTH.

At the September 8, 2015 City Council Meeting, Council approved staff's recommendation to allow for unrepresented part-time Fire Engineers to work more than 1,560 hours per calendar year and to offer these employees medical coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Staff is recommending the City Council approve Resolution No. 15-61 "ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENTS CITY OF SIERRA MADRE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES" to formally add new Language to this affect in the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Part-time Employees.

The City has participated in the CalPERS medical program since 1999 to provide health coverage for various employees. The City Council must adopt a resolution to include the unrepresented employees in the Fire Department to the City's CalPERS medical plan.

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 15-62 "ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT AT AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS WITH RESPECT TO RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION" to include unrepresented Fire employees to the City's medical plan through the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA).

1e). AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY.

The Authority Board will consider approving the payments made on behalf of the Authority by the City for the City's Water Fund Revenue Bonds for 1998. In addition, the Authority Board and Successor Agency Board will consider ratifying the payments made on behalf of these Boards by the City for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Tax Increment 1998 bonds.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the transfer of funds to Bank of New York in the amount of \$998,922.17.

Council Member, John Harabedian remarked that regarding leak detection equipment, this is a great use of funds. How will it detect?

Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works noted that the system finds leaks. When a leak comes to the surface, the system works based on sound water makes leaking out of a pipe. We used it and found it to be a benefit. We used a demonstrator unit for months. Staff was well pleased.

The City Manager remarked that with regard to the room addition at the Hart Park House. Engineers estimate it is currently \$8,000 more than budgeted. Staff recommends that when bids come in we make recommendations then.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline questioned the \$25,000 for Leak Detection Equipment. She asked how much are we paying down the Bonds?

Pat Alcorn, E. Grand View Avenue

Mrs. Alcorn questioned 1d) – Firefighters – the Resolution just mentions "employees" What is impact and cost CalPERS contribution?

The City Manager remarked that regarding Ms. Cline's question, How much are we paying down the bonds? I will get back to her. With regard to terms and conditions of employees – they are part-time Fire Department positions.

Mayor Capoccia closed public portion.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Denise Delmar for approval of the Consent Calendar as presented by staff. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of the City Council.

2). CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDING FY 2015-2016 – PUBLIC HEARING

Larry Giannone, Director of Public Safety, gave the staff report.

Each year as part of the State budget process, funding is proposed to support local law enforcement. Although the funding is allocated on a “year-to-year” basis, it has been authorized annually since 1996. The funds, designed as “Citizens Option for Public Safety, Supplemental Law Enforcement Service Funds” (COPS/SLESF) have certain restrictions on their use, which includes the fact that they must be used to support “front-line” police operations, require a public hearing as to the proposed use, and that they must not supplant funds that would normally be used for police operations. These funds do not require any matching construction from the City.

For fiscal year 2014-2015 the Sierra Madre Police Department received funds from the State in the amount of \$100,000. These funds were spent in accordance with the City Council's approval and all past carryover projects have been completed.

The funds will be used to support the Community Service Officer Program, Directed Patrol Overtime, the Foothill Air Support Services, and the Police Department's ICIS Radio system, as follows:

• Community Service Officer:	\$72,000
• Directed Patrol Overtime Salaries:	5,000
• Helicopter Services:	11,000
• ICIS Radio System	12,000
	\$100,000

Mr. Giannone reviewed the current funding limits and Alternatives.

Council Member, John Harabedian, remarked that every year when we talk about this item, we choose to fund Community Service Officers \$72,000.

Mr. Giannone noted that inception of the program was COPS program – this is continuation of it.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, noted that we haven't budgeted with other funds, so we can use.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, asked how much income is derived from parking enforcement?

The City Manager stated \$40,000-\$50,000. Moving violations were very little.

Mayor, John Capoccia, noted that staff has funding for 2-1/2 employees – this is a public hearing, where is need the greatest?

Mr. Giannone stated, "Keep each individual division".

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline noted that she likes the Neighborhood Watch Program. The way the items are divided is great.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that all three are vitally important. The officers are committed to their jobs.

Council Member, John Harabedian, noted that with the budget we have, do what the Chief recommends. It speaks to where we are in the Police Department.

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the grant funds from the COPS/SLESF grant program and authority appropriations and expenditures as proposed in this report.

The City of Sierra Madre has been allocated \$100,000 from the State COPS/SLESF funding program to support front-line police operations. The funds were authorized by the State of California during the 2015-2016 budget sessions.

October 13, 2015

Council Member, John Harabedian, moved and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, for approval of staff's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of the City Council.

- 3). URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1367U OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADDING CHAPTER 15-38 TO TITLE 15 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 36934 AND 36937" – PUBLIC HEARING

Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation, gave the staff report.

The City Council will consider the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1367U to create an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar photovoltaic or water heat energy systems by adding Chapter 15.38 to Title 15 (Building and Construction) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

Mr. Gonzalez reviewed the Current Plan Check Review and Inspection Process, Expedited Plan Check Review and Inspection Process, and Proposed Amendment to Title 15 (Building and Construction)

Staff recommends adopting Urgency Ordinance No. 1367U "AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADDING CHAPTER 15-38 TO TITALE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 36934 AND 36937"

Council Member, John Harabedian, questioned if there was a reason why this is an urgency?

Mr. Gonzalez stated that it is just timing. There are three businesses to address.

Mayor, John Capoccia remarked that when a person gets an installation done, staff must move quickly.

The Mayor opened for public comment.

Victor Aguilar, Auburn Avenue

Mr. Aguilar feels that rather than say mandated, it is a big opportunity. You can't rely on the water supply. Sierra Madre is difficult to work in this regard due to permitting. You have unique forms. Looking at Code – using NEC2007 is remarkable. We need to address regulations on installation on code set. We deny ourselves on certain things. The whole thing needs to be revisited. Sustainable water source is important. Expedite permit process. It takes too long to process paperwork. This is a great thing you are doing tonight.

Mayor Capoccia noted that we want to comply with the law. We have a Commission in place to deal with these. I appreciate your comments.

The City Manager stated that technically we need to go through the Planning Commission. We want it to work better.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public comment.

Caroline Brown, Alta Vista Drive

Ms. Brown remarked that the City of Sierra Madre Solar building permits were based on price of solar installations. We want to get the price more reasonable.

The City Manager stated that it was reduced to \$550.00.

Ms. Brown stated that a resident didn't ask for a rebate, and it was huge. We want to get it to ZERO!

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline noted that we had a solar business on Montecito. Will you correct the Ordinance? It would be nice if the City did not charge for solar installations. Since requirement, ask City Attorney if we can put in the California Code, requiring a certified plumber or electrician to do the work, not the city inspector.

Mayor Capoccia closed public hearing.

City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith, stated that a licensed contractor is covered. There are immunities in place.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, is okay to approve and revisit the ordinance with respect to solar.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, moved and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, for approval of Ordinance No. 1367U as presented by staff. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith, read the Ordinance:

“AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE ADDING CHAPTER 15.38 TO TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 36934 AND 36937”.

4). CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Elaine I. Aguilar, City Manager, gave the staff report.

There are currently two vacancies on the Community Services Commission. One vacancy is the result of a termed-out Commissioner (Leslee Hinton) and the second vacancy is the result of a Commissioner resigning, before concluding his term (Jeff Shantz). The appointment to the “partial term” would be for the period ending June 30, 2016. This item is on the agenda for the City Council’s appointment of one or two Commissioners.

Staff is requesting direction regarding which appointment is filling the full term, and which appointment is filling the partial term.

The applicants are:

Jose “Andy” Bencosme
Eric Shannon
Tom Sullivan
Gretchen Vance

The applicants were notified of tonight’s meeting and invited to attend.

It is recommended that the City Council provide staff with direction regarding the appointment of Commissioners to the Community Services Commission, and direction regarding which applicant is serving the full-term and which is completing the partial term.

Mayor Capoccia asked the applicants to speak, if they wish. The only applicant that was present at this meeting was Gretchen Vance.

Gretchen Vance

Ms. Vance remarked that she has four children and followed with the background of accomplishments.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public comment and there was none, so he closed it immediately.

Mayor Capoccia asked the City Council for their recommendations.

Rachelle Arizmendi: 1. Gretchen Vance
 2. Jose "Andy" Bencosme

Denise Delmar: 1. Gretchen Vance
 2. Tom Sullivan

Gene Goss: 1. Jose "Andy" Bencosme
 2. Tom Sullivan

John Harabedian: 1. Tom Sullivan
 2. Jose "Andy" Bencosme

John Capoccia: 1. Gretchen Vance
 2. Tom Sullivan

Mayor, John Capoccia, approved the appointment of Jose "Andy" Bencosme and Tom Sullivan. Noting that Tom Sullivan gets the partial appointment, and Jose "Andy" Bencosme gets the full term.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Denise Delmar,, for approval of the partial appointment to Tom Sullivan and the full term appointment to Jose "Andy" Bencosme. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

BREAK: The Mayor requested a break at 8:28 p.m. and the City Council reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

5). DISCUSSION REGARDING UTILITY USERS TAX MEASURE AT THE APRIL 12, 2016
MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Elaine I. Aguilar, City Manager, gave the staff report.

Beginning in May 2014, the City Council began discussing the City's Budget, and in particular the General Fund Budget, due to the financial implications of the decrease in the City's Utility Users Tax (UUT) Rate from 10% to 8%, effective July 1, 2015. Pursuant to the 2008 voter approved measure, the UUT will further decrease to 6% on July 1, 2016.

After approximately a dozen budget meetings, and a dozen community input meetings, the Council adopted the current fiscal year's budget by reducing General Fund expenditures \$227,500, using the carryover surplus from the previous Fiscal Year 2014-2015, and additional General Fund reserves to balance the remaining estimated \$529,527 deficit. The next fiscal year's (FY 2016-2017) General Fund deficit is currently estimated at \$994,474.

Concerned about the General Fund imbalance, and the use of reserves to balance the budget, the Council took action to form three committees. One committee is evaluating the contracting of Library Services, the second committee is evaluating the contracting of Police Services, and the third committee was charged with evaluating revenue alternatives. The Revenue Committee completed their assignment, and presented their final report at the September 22, 2015 Council meeting. The Committee recommended an increase in the UUT to a maximum of 12%, along with other recommendations. (A copy of the September 22nd staff report was attached to the Agenda). The Library Services and Police Services Committees continue to work towards formulating a recommendation to the Council. Both Committees are estimated to complete their assignment in October or early November.

At the September 22nd meeting, the Council reviewed the Revenue Committee's recommendations and directed that the discussion of a UUT measure on the April 2016 ballot be continued to this evening.

There is a legal process required to place a measure before the voters. First, Council consensus is needed to place a revenue measure before the voters. If the decision is to proceed, staff would need policy direction regarding the drafting of an Ordinance. Staff will also eventually need direction regarding the drafting of the actual question to be placed on the ballot. The Council will also decide upon drafting arguments in favor of the measure, and a response to rebuttal arguments.

Regarding time, at the previous meetings, the City Clerk requested that any proposed Ordinance and the necessary election related resolutions be prepared for the November 10th Council Meeting. The State Elections Code provides for a final deadline of no later than 88 days prior to the date of the general municipal election to call an election for a ballot measure. The date of the general election is April 12, 2016. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 1405(a), the last possible date that an election may be called for a City initiative is 88 days before the date of the election; that 88 day cutoff falls on January 15, 2016. As the City Council's regular meeting will fall on January 12, 2016, this is the last possible regular Council meeting on which to call a general election for a ballot measure. In the past, the City Council has acted to call the general election for election of officers and any ballot measures by the first meeting in December which would be December 8, 2015.

Direction needed regarding Draft Ordinance is:

- Rate
- Sunset Clause
- UUT Oversight Committee
- UUT Exemptions
- Should an advisory measure accompany the UUT Ordinance?
- Any other changes the City Council desires be made.

Other Direction or Considerations:

- Public Education and Information
- Survey
- Develop a "Plan B

It is recommended that the City Council provide staff with direction.

Mayor, John Capoccia, remarked that we should get the results from the three committees to determine Plan B. If the UUT doesn't pass, we need Level 3 reductions.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that Plan B is important. The UUT was turned down twice. We need to have staff come to us with a balanced budget at 6%.

Mayor Capoccia asked: "Where do we want our focus to be? What do we want to accomplish tonight? Direction is needed – we can start now".

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, stated that the plan sounds great to move forward with the UUT Ordinance. We can discuss Plan B. We need information from the public safety and Library. Tackle what we can do.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated that we need all the information from the committees by October 27th meeting.

Council Member Delmar noted that the vendors will be meeting on October 20th.

The City Manager stated that the committee is meeting in November for the Library.

Mayor Capoccia stated that Plan B can come later, but we need to get something on the ballot. What about the survey?

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi stated that she does not want to spend money on a survey.

Council Member, John Harabedian, stated that if we don't do a survey, what are we basing our rate on? During the Town Hall Meeting and the Committees, it was determined that 57% wanted 12% and 34% wanted 10%. We need to be careful. A survey would be helpful.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, stated that the survey was directed to whether the UUT should be on the ballot. I voted no before, now I am willing to put the Ordinance on – 6% and Level 3 cuts or put on ballot again are our options.

Mayor Capoccia stated "My concern about the survey – what are residents willing to pay for what they get?"

Council Member Harabedian noted that the survey must have questions laid out to be valuable – 10% or 12% and consequences. If don't vote, what are you willing to see go away. It will be useful.

Council Member Arizmendi asked: "Do we have time to do right?"

Council Member Harabedian stated: "Barely have enough time".

Council Member Delmar stated: "Survey and polling – we don't have statistical data. There has been two elections that failed on the UUT. At individual meetings, there was willingness to put on ballot. There is a disconnect between what the town wants. Where is the town right now? We will come to conclusion on that. Campaign and education materials – not in favor. People need to decide. I am okay with the survey."

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss stated: "I am okay with the survey – but we need good guidance. We have strong data from the Town Hall meetings. I feel confident on where the residents are. If a survey helps to make good judgement – I don't need it."

Council Member Delmar stated: "I don't think a lot of the people have changed their minds".

Mayor Capoccia stated: "We all have opinions on why it didn't pass. Part of community will come and speak, but many won't. My impression is people would vote differently."

Council Member Delmar remarked that we need facts out there and no spin on it.

Mayor Capoccia remarked that we don't need a lot of detail – just what happens if the UUT fails. Facts are that we will make Library cuts, Police will change, Fire and Paramedics will change. Community Services will change. Provide information to the residents if the sunsets to 6%, what will happen, if the UUT goes up to 7% what will happen. However, the higher you go, you will lose voters.

Council Member, John Harabedian, asked the City Council: "Are we willing to put the UUT on the ballot? And at what percentage? We don't need a survey. If we agree, we don't need a survey.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss wanted to talk about the rate. The City can handle at 6%. There is a group that is torn. We need to be wise in our decision. If you take a look at all that needs done – 8 or 10% will not get it done. Kicking the can down the road is the wrong direction to go. I am a tight person. Sometimes you have to spend money. Will people support 10% or 12%, perhaps they will if they have information. How do we get the information out? 12% is the way to go. That is what the Revenue Committee wanted. The majority at the Town Hall wanted to put on ballot, and not have cuts. We have learned what the community wants.

Mayor, John Capoccia, remarked that after a report from the Revenue Committee, after 3-1/2 years of Council struggling to think ahead as to what needs done – I see nice homes. Do people want to take care of public facilities like their home? We have a challenge ahead of us. It is about kicking the can down the road. We have to do something now. Put 10% on the ballot and get started with parcel tax for infrastructures. Down the road, there will be plenty of time for surveys then and to have a long plan for solvency. At 12% we have cost drivers, but won't get to infrastructure issues. Lots of cities depend on a parcel tax, or special assessments. I am still learning. I am not convinced that 12% will get us where we want to go. I want to do what is in our best interest as a citizen.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, remarked that the Revenue Committee told us what we already know. 12% won't get us where we want to be. I like the idea of a special assessment. I am fine with 10% or 11%. Even at 12% UUT, in six or seven years we will be looking at contracting out Library and Police.

Mayor Capoccia noted that the benefit of 10% or 11%, we need to deal with it right away.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated, "Go back to the Revenue Committee – 12% is just temporary. A special assessment, well read, will be necessary in the future. What do we need short term?"

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi stated, "I do not want a UUT, but willing to put on ballot, but not at 12%. The intent was to sunset to 6%. It is hard to see 12%. People are talking about repealing. 10% is where I could support."

Mayor Capoccia asked, "What about the infrastructure?"

Council Member Arizmendi wants UUT at 10% and we can address a special assessment later.

Mayor Capoccia asked the City Council what they would support:

Council Member Delmar:	10% - could go to 11%
Council Member Arizmendi:	10%
Mayor Capoccia:	10% and work on long-term problems Keep focus.

Mayor Capoccia asked Council Member Arizmendi if she would support 11%?

Council Member Arizmendi stated: I can't answer. I am not willing to go to 11%. I'm at 10%.

Council Member, John Harabedian stated that the UUT should be at 12%. It is the right thing to do. We want unanimous vote among the City Council. 10% is better than 6%. You have two City Council Members running in the next election. I think 12% can pass. I want a unanimous voice. 12% gets us in the black.

The City Manager stated, "We have five frozen positions".

Council Member Harabedian stated, "If all five City Council Members will get there at 10%, I will compromise."

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated: "I applaud Council Member Arizmendi and Delmar for compromising. I can do 10%".

Mayor Capoccia stated, "In the meantime, we can be working on a long-term fix. It gives us time." Education will pass it.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Pat Holland, Colony Drive

Ms. Holland remarked that sitting on committees was great for me and very valuable. I didn't realize we have cut back so much. We came up with 12%. We knew UUT money was diminishing. People use less and UUT money is less. Parcel Tax was discussed in-depth. We have to pay for quality of life. Monrovia is having community meetings. Water, sewer and streets need attention. Parcel tax to me is only way to go to do capital projects.

Pat Alcorn, E. Grand View

Mayor Capoccia and Council Members:

The City Manager's report asked you to consider five things regarding the UUT: 1). Rate; 2). How established yearly; 3) Sunset clause; 4) Oversight Committee, 5) Low Income Exemption.

In March of 2014, I wrote a letter to the Editor of the Mt. View News, urging a no on the UUT measure. In it, I said we should vote no because:

By 2015, rates would have gone up on all utilities to bring in more revenue;

Property taxes will rise;

There will be an increased sales tax base.

Now, considering all the information given during the current budget discussions, and now a ballot discussion, it appears that, yes, revenue from property taxes went up as well as our sales tax revenue. However, the monies from the UUT have appreciably decreased during the same period.

Looking at your attachment 1, for 2016-2017, there is a projected decrease in income.. However, with a 10% UUT, there would be an excess revenue over budget (\$70,000 plus or minus).

Therefore, in considering rates, I believe a UUT amount of up to 10% on utilities, excluding water, would be adequate for current budget cycle.

Since I talked with Barry Gold, and clarified, it was recommended that a maximum 12%, but if you decided to go to 8%, it could only go up 2% per year, up to 12%.

I believe it would be impossible to get the citizens of Sierra Madre to vote at this time for a 12% UUT.

There should be NO SUNSET CLAUSE. It is not wise to believe that costs will ever decrease given the circumstances. Not only are we at the whim of increased costs within the county, but also in state and federal governments as well. Plus, unfunded mandates keep appearing from our state and county that makes it impossible to predict costs.

The UUT Oversight Committee was formed to (in part) “...review and make recommendations concerning the audit and appropriate expenditure of the UUT funds collected and/or remitted...” In addition, the Advisory Measure stated...the increase should be used to fund public safety services...” That’s all. Review concerning the audit and appropriate expenditures. So, in 2012, when I was on the Committee, as they have since the committee was formed, we looked at UUT revenue and looked at public safety expenditures and deemed that all the monies that came into the General Fund from the UUT revenue were spent on public safety. A complete waste of time, since public safety expenses far exceed the UUT income. No oversight committee unless their charge is changed.

Currently, there are 72 citizens who get the UUT exemption due to low income. I believe that should stand.

As I pointed out earlier, the UUT has been an unreliable source of revenue.

The UUT should be a temporary fix to our problems while a process is set up to get property assessments for police or library or both on the ballot.

So, up to 10% for five years. If circumstances change for example, police, or library or both go to property assessments, then the UUT can be lowered or eliminated.
No sunset clause.

No oversight committee unless their duties are changed.
Thank you.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline stated that she supports the Sunset Clause. Without that we don’t have checks and balances. The UUT was never a source of revenue for our town. We only had the UUT in place for a few years. I am looking forward to seeing Plan B. The UUT was for Police and Fire. Along the way, included General Plan. What has UUT done for the residents? Where are the savings? Why is it keeping City running. Paramedics was for two years. Sierra Madre Nursery has been sold out. I want Public Safety – Police and Fire for UUT. Stonegate development – the City will do well on those revenues. What have we seen as taxpayers for UUT? Why do you expect us to go for UUT? Help us to run the City. Sunset clause allows us to keep an eye on what is going on. Let us know what the Stonegate revenue will be. Let us know what Plan B will be.

Barry Gold, Ramona Avenue

Good evening Mayor Capoccia and Council Members:

In deciding how to best deal with the coming budget deficits you have recognized that the solution should be a combination of increasing revenues and lowering expenses. On the revenue side you established the Revenue Committee to recommend sources of additional funds. On the expense side you established committees to study the outsourcing of the Library and the Police Department. I suggest that you set up a committee to study the possibilities of reducing the cost of CalPERS. CalPERS is a significant expense item. I think that forming a committee to look into CalPERS, just like you did with the Library and Police, makes a lot of sense. Tonight you are discussing what rate to set for the UUT measure. This is a difficult decision to make. A 10% rate would balance next year's budget, but what about the year after that? If you set it at 12% or higher, and add an automatic annual increase provision I don't think the measure would pass. In which case you will have to cut close to \$1,000,000.00 from next year's budget. You know that I favor a 9% rate which would require \$250,000.00 in cuts next year. But my point however is not to convince you what rate or rate schedule to pick. It is to encourage you to look for more savings. This is why I recommend a CalPERS review committee to determine what we are actually paying, what if any changes or alternatives there are, and to report back to you with suggestions or recommendations. If the committee decides that there is nothing to be done they will tell you why and we can look to other areas to reduce costs. Finally, there is a group trying to qualify a measure to eliminate the UUT. I am not sure they have enough time to do so and I have not favored the elimination of the UUT, however I do support their right to put this measure on the ballot and let the voters decide. And that is the wonderful part of our American system. The final decision is made by the voters. Thank you for your time.

Caroline Brown, Alta Vista Drive

Ms. Brown remarked that for her, the sunset clause was not a really happy idea. Dick Rogers, 25 years ago, recommended a User Tax. Most important things is "live well below your means". I am careful that I live below my means. We need ways to fund the City.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input portion.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, questioned what Mr. Gold said about CalPERS – forming a committee. I want an agenda item for CalPERS. They are making some changes. Staff will let us know, and Social Security. Maybe let's go through the exercise.

Mayor, John Capoccia, questioned 10% again, revenue has not been solved. It is a secret how much we have to cut. People would see lots of things undone without UUT. What about no sunset clause? In 2008, when the increase was in there, it gave assurance to voters that 10% is bare minimum.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi stated, "I am in favor of no sunset clause".

Mayor Capoccia asked if the City Council wanted an Oversight Committee?

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss stated, "Don't need either".

Council Member, Denise Delmar stated: "10% and no need for Oversight Committee".

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated "I am not in favor of an Oversight Committee or Advisory Measure".

Council Member Arizmendi stated that it is not necessary.

Mayor Capoccia asked about "Low Income Exemption"?

Council Member, John Harabedian stated that an Advisory Measure should be considered. If measure doesn't pass we need Advisory Measure to be there. It would be helpful.

Mayor Capoccia asked the City Council, "How can you have choices?"

The City Attorney stated, "Just yes or no".

Mayor Capoccia asked if the measure fails, should we outsource the Police?

Council Member Harabedian remarked that if you vote no, should Police be outsourced, or Library time cut. Voting members of City will decide.

The City Attorney, Teresa Highsmith, stated that two separate Advisory Measures would simply ask for a yes or no on Police and Library. In this way, you would get a sense of what the residents want.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, asked that it be kept simple. We need a decision prior to the election.

Council Member Arizmendi noted that she is willing to explore.

Council Member, John Harabedian, stated that when the City Council talked about outsourcing, we put it out to a vote of the people. It can confuse the voters. Either pass or there are real consequences if the ballot measure fails.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated "Some voters won't be prepared".

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, remarked that she is willing to consider an Advisory Measure.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that if the City Council makes a decision about outsourcing – we need to keep control of services and personnel.

Mayor Capoccia stated that he has thought about this and can't come up with anything.

Council Member Harabedian feels the City Council should think about it and talk more.

Mayor Capoccia noted that regarding Plan B – the argument for would be in the summary. Leave Advisory Measure open. What about UUT Exemptions?

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi stated that she is fine leaving as is. Consider leave at very low.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss stated that he is good either way.

Council Member, John Harabedian stated that he thinks it is fine where it is.

John Capoccia, Mayor, noted that you have people voting for someone else. They vote, but aren't paying for it. Taxes go for various things. I like keeping local. There is no welfare here.

The City Council voted to keep the UUT Exemptions as is.

The City Manager stated that the City Council needs a separate resolution for water – it is 8%.

Mayor Capoccia stated, "Keep rates the same across the board".

The City Manager stated that for the rate at 10%, the City Council needs to make a separate action.

Mayor Capoccia noted that the original ordinance has no exception for water.

Council Member Harabedian feels at 10% it makes no sense to have survey. We need public education. Let's talk more.

Mayor Capoccia asked that staff bring back suggestions with advisory measure and Plan B.

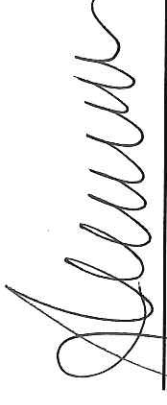
The Mayor opened for public input and there was none.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1). Council Member, Denise Delmar, asked that CalPERS be agendized with basic liability.
When did we get in?

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, for adjournment at 10:10 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.



John Capoccia, Mayor, City of Sierra Madre

Minutes taken and typed by:


Nancy Sue Shollenberger
City Clerk