

## **MINUTES**

Agenda - Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,  
Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

### **6:32 PM - CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Present: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Member Gene Goss, Council Member John Capoccia, and Council Member John Harabedian

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar (excused)

Also, Present: Marcie Medina, Assistant City Manager  
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney  
Kurt Norwood, Interim Fire Chief  
Joe Ortiz, Police Chief  
Chris Cimino, Public Works Director  
James Carlson, Management Analyst  
Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk  
Miguel Hernandez, Human Resources Manager

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:**

Council Member John Harabedian led Pledge of Allegiance invited Monsignor Richard Krekelberg of St. Rita's Church to give the invocation.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Council Member John Capoccia moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member John Harabedian seconded the motion for approval of the agenda.

Ayes: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Members John Capoccia, Gene Goss and John Harabedian

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi moved on to the approval of the minutes from January 23, 2018.

Council Member Gene Goss made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Council Member John Capoccia seconded the motion for approval of minutes.

Ayes: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Members John Capoccia, Gene Goss, and John Harabedian.

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

The motion to approve January 23, 2018 minutes was passed unanimously.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- 1) Council Member John Capoccia had nothing to report.
- 2) Council Member John Harabedian had nothing to report.
- 3) Council Member Gene Goss had nothing to report.
- 4) Mayor Arizmendi reported that she attended a reception for Director Tom Love who is leaving the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to work as the new General Manager at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public comment on items not on the agenda

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Charlie Kissinger, Brookside Lane. Thank you our Water Department and Public Works. Mr. Kissinger commented on the leaks in the canyon and remarked that there seems to be a problem with the water line that goes from the Fire Station to Woodland to Sunnyside to Brookside Lane. Also, he does not believe water has ever been diverted to the settling basins. Mr. Kissinger also commented on the recent filming on Sturtevant.

David Golden, Fairview Avenue. Mr. Golden is the Interim President at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. He encourages all to see "Nothing is the Same" until March 4<sup>th</sup>. On a separate note, Mr. Golden suggests taking more stringent measures to save water..

Pat Alcorn, Grandview, would like to let everyone know that there are still tickets available for the Friends of the Library Wine and Cuisine Tasting. The Premier event is sold out but there are still tickets to the main event. You can get your tickets at Arnold's, the Library, and the Bottle Shop or you can buy them at the door.

Stephen McCamman, Crestvale Drive. Co-Founder of CESC. Spoke about his work with Cannabis research and the City providing greater access to Cannabis.

Gary Hood, Baldwin. Mr. Hood attended the Library meeting at the YAC. Mr. Hood shared his ideas for the Library and suggested a competition for architect drawings that would keep the Library where it is.

Mayor Arizmendi asked if anyone else would like to come forward on items not on the agenda. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment.

**PRESENTATION BY THE SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO SIERRA MADRE CERT:**

Ms. Sue Spears of the Sierra Madre Community Foundation presented Sierra Madre CERT President Dennis Burton with a check for \$750.00.

**PRESENTATION TO THE SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION**

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association President David Coulcher presented the City with the Tournament of Roses portrait of Chivalry! The 2018 winner of the Fantasy Award. Darla Dyson presented a certificate of recognition to the Rose Float Association on behalf of Senator Anthony Portantino. Also, Mayor Arizmendi presented a certificate of recognition to the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association in congratulations for winning the Fantasy Award for their float entry, Chivalry!

**PRESENTATION TO RETIRING FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL KEFALAS**

Mayor Arizmendi and the City Council recognized Firefighter Michael Kefalas for his service to the City and congratulated him on his retirement. Interim Fire Chief Kurt Norwood presented Firefighter Kefalas with his retirement badge.

Mayor Arizmendi asked Assistant City Manager Medina to report on the Consent Calendar.

Assistant City Manager Marcie Medina gave the following reports under the Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT**

1a) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-07 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

1b) AUTHORIZATION TO BID FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

Mayor asked if any member of the Council had questions on items on the Consent Calendar.

On item 1b, Council Member Capoccia asked if trees would be replanted when sidewalk is replaced.

Assistant City Manager Medina asked Public Works Director Cimino to provide a response. Director Cimino responded that small tree wells would be installed. There will be a 6-foot sidewalk and a 30x30 tree well. Trees will be planted after the work is completed. Council Member Capoccia expressed concern for the trees since so many trees have been lost and mentioned that he prefers the trees be planted in the fall after the summer months.

Council Member Harabedian asked if there was a process to notify the neighbors of the tree removal. Director Cimino responded that City staff is scheduled to meet with the residents and ask for input on the types of trees they would like planted.

Mayor Arizmendi asked if the trees can be used for compost. Director Cimino responded that the City uses the trees for mulch.

Council Member Goss brought up a company that makes furniture from urban trees and asked if this has already been considered. Management Analyst responded that this is something that West Coast Arborists does for the City.

Mayor Arizmendi opened for public comment. Seeing no one, Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment and brought the matter back to the Council.

Council Member John Harabedian made a motion to approve Consent Items 1A, and 1B  
Council Member Gene Goss seconded the motion for approval.

Ayes: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Members John Capoccia, Gene Goss, and John Harabedian

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

The motion to approve Consent Items 1A and 1B was approved unanimously.

## **2 – UPDATE ON “CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE” (FORMERLY LACCE) AND SELECTION OF DEFAULT TIER LEVEL**

Management Analyst James Carlson gave the report.

Council Member John Harabedian asked for this item to be brought before Council for a selection of a default tier. Residents have the option of staying with Edison. There's no right or wrong. Many folks have the initial decision to make the default tier 50%. Council Member Harabedian's view is to make it 50%.

Mayor Arizmendi asked for public comment.

Pat Alcorn, Grandview asked if the Alliance is separate from Edison. Ms. Alcorn is having a difficult time getting through to Edison. Mayor Arizmendi offered to forward Ms. Alcorn's questions to the City's Edison representative.

The Council collectively discussed making the default tier 50%. Mayor Arizmendi asked for a motion.

Council Member John Harabedian moved to make the default tier 50%.

Council Member John Capoccia seconded the motion to make the default tier 50%.

Ayes: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Members John Capoccia, Gene Goss, and John Harabedian

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

## **NEW ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

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

Mayor Arizmendi asked for an update on PUSD from the Board or the District itself.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Arizmendi asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member John Harabedian made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by Council Member Gene Goss

Ayes: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Members John Capoccia, Gene Goss, and John Harabedian

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Denise Delmar

The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 pm.

  
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Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor

Minutes taken and typed by:

  
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Laura Aguilar, Assistant City Clerk