



**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022 - 5:30 pm**  
Sierra Madre City Hall, City Council Chambers  
232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MOST CURRENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER’S ORDER**

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

Mayor Goss called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. City Clerk Aguilar called the roll.

Present: Mayor Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Garcia, and Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Kelly Kriebs, and Robert Parkhurst

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jose Reynoso, City Manager  
Miguel Hernandez, Assistant City Manager  
Aleks Giragosian, City Attorney  
Laura Aguilar, City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager  
Rodrick Armalin, Police Chief  
Henry Amos, Police Captain  
Brent Bartlett, Fire Chief  
Rebecca Silva-Barron, Community Services Manager  
Lawren Heinz, Administrative Analyst  
James Carlson, Management Analyst  
Sophia Kownatzki, Management Analyst

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION**

Council Member Arizmendi led in the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke of Sierra Madre, a true All-American City.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Vote of the City Council to proceed with City business.

Council Member Kriebs made a motion to approve the agenda as presented:

The motion was seconded by Council Member Arizmendi.

Mayor Goss called for a roll call vote of the Council:

- Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst
- Noes: None.
- Absent: None.
- Abstain: None.

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney provides reportable action from the Closed Session.

City Attorney Giragosian announced that the City Council met in closed session to discuss two items of anticipated litigation. No reportable action was taken.

**APPROVAL FOR READING RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Vote of the City Council to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only and waive the reading in full.

Mayor Goss asked for a motion.

A motion to approve the reading of resolutions and ordinances was made by Council Member Arizmendi.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Parkhurst.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

- Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Council Members Arizmendi, Kriebs, and Parkhurst
- Noes: None.
- Absent: None.

The motion to approve the reading of all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only, and waive the reading in full, was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of June 28, 2022 City Council regular meeting minutes.

Council Member Parkhurst requested edits to page 3 under the section for Approval of Reading Resolutions and Ordinances. Council Member Kriebs was listed as Mayor Pro Tem. Also requested changes to page 5 under Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda. Under the comments for Deb Sheridan the sentence repeats. Lastly, a request was made to add a note indicating that some candidates for appointment to serve on a commission left before the item was discussed because of the lateness of the hour.

Council Member Kriebs suggested:

- In my counsel report, please add to the end of the sentence beginning “the applicant ended up...” the additional phrase “with the intention of resubmitting it to address the Planning Commission’s feedback”
- Presentations - please amend the description of the PUSD presentation to be superintendent Blanco and former SME principal Lewis.
- There’s a typo in the title of public hearing item number 1 (an extra “n” before year 2022–2023)
- Please add to the annual water supply and demand assessment item that counsel asked questions about the report or discussed the report.
- Please add to the salary matrix item that counsel discussed updating of PD’s part-time salary rates.

Mayor Goss called for a motion to approve the amended minutes.

A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Council Member Parkhurst.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Kriebs.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Council Members Arizmendi, Kriebs, and Parkhurst  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

The motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of June 14, 2022, as amended was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Reporting of Council Members' activities related to City business.

Council Member Kriebs: Provided an account of her participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and activities. Also provided an update on the Planning Commission's last meeting where they discussed the proposed Meadows' Project.

Council Member Parkhurst: attended a board meeting of the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) and announced that no reportable action had taken place. Provided a summary of savings related to a regulatory dispute between CPA and Southern California Edison, which was postponed and will be resolve in a California Public Utilities rulemaking.

Also attended events leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, as well as the Parade itself.

Council Member Arizmendi: participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and festivities, but had no new City business to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia: attended the events on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July, including the Parade.

Mayor Goss: Announced that Assembly Member Holden was successful in advocating for a \$10 million grant for meaningful improvements. The Library Board of Trustees will hold a Special meeting to discuss renovations and the use of the grant.

Mayor Goss thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Community Services Commission, and City staff for all the well-organized events.

### **REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Giragosian reported that there were two items discussed as anticipated litigation in closed session and no reportable action was taken.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Council will listen to the public on any item on the agenda. In addition, the Council will devote time for public comment on items not on the agenda. Addressing the City Council from the audience is not permitted; all comments addressing the Council must be made from the podium. Only public comment made from the podium will be recognized by the City Council and entered into public record.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Persons wishing to speak on any item on the agenda will be called during the comment period 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 provide public comments for items not 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.

### **COMMENTS**

1. Any person wishing to provide public comment on matters not on the agenda, or during the comment period for items on the agenda is asked to complete a comment card. Please include your name and address. Each speaker will be limited to up to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated or deferred.

2. The City provides a podium for public comment. Comments addressed to the Council shall occur during the appropriate time on the agenda and should not be construed as an opportunity for dialogue. Each speaker will be limited to three continuous minutes, which may not be delegated or deferred.

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

Mayor Goss opened the meeting for public comment on items not on the agenda.

Gary Hood, Baldwin Avenue: read a letter on behalf of Nancy Beckham regarding concerns with the EIR for the proposed Meadows development. The letter expressed additional concerns with endangered animals such as the California Mountain Lion, the mule-eared deer, and bats.

Alex Arrieta, Edgeview: reiterated his concerns for water and expressed disappointment that the previous meeting went on so late that some members of the public left prior to the Council's discussion of the water supply and demand assessment report.

Liz Dekam, Laurel: spoke on a number of unrelated issues: asked Council to consider "Whole House Fans" as an alternative to traditional air conditioners as a means for energy efficiency; asked for the installation of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Laurel and Mountain Trail before someone is killed; expressed concerns with bears and coyotes. Has observed bears eating avocados from her neighbor's tree; asked that trees in the City's parkway be watered; asked that the City enforce leash laws because of what she believes to be a recent rise in dog attacks.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss closed public comment on items not on the agenda and asked the City Clerk if any e-mails had been submitted from the public. City Clerk Aguilar advised that the City received two e-mails from Diana Wright and Tom Arndt, respectively. However, Tom Arndt later wrote in to withdraw his comments.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **PRESENTATION TO POLICE CHIEF RODRICK ARMALIN IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE**

Declan Floyd, Representative from Senator Anthony Portantino's presented Chief Armalin with a Certificate of Recognition for service to the City of Sierra Madre.

Mayor Goss presented Chief Armalin with a Certificate of Recognition as well.

Fire Chief Bartlett thanked Chief Armalin for his service and presented him with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Sierra Madre Fire Department.

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### **ACTION ITEMS**

City Clerk Aguilar gave the following reports under the Consent Calendar:

#### **CONSENT**

- a) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-52 APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS**  
It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 22-52 approving payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$127,408.72; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$8,906.98; and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$574,655.36; for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- b) **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ANN PALMER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**  
It is recommended that the City Council appoint Ann Palmer to fill the unexpected vacancy on the Community Services Commission.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion.

Hearing no questions from the Council, Mayor Goss opened the matter for public comment.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Goss asked if any e-mails had been received. City Clerk Aguilar advised that no e-mails had been received.

The Mayor brought the matter back to the Council for a motion to approve.

Council Member Parkhurst made a motion to approve Consent Items a and b.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

The motion to approve Consent items a and b was passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1 CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE No. 1458 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.88 (TEMPORARY USE PERMITS) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE**

It is recommended that the City Council continue the Public Hearing that was opened on June 28, 2022 and consider Ordinance No. 1458, amending Chapter 17.88 (Temporary Use Permits) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

City Attorney Giragosian gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion.

Mayor Goss opened the hearing for public comment.

Ken Farfsing, President of Alverno Heights Academy Board of Trustees: requested the Council extend the TUP in order to allow the Planning Commission to consider their application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The TUP extension is necessary to allow for contracted weddings and receptions until the CUP is effective.

Justin Brandstater, 89 Olive Ave., advised the Council that all comments expressed at the various meetings were taken to heart and changes were made at Lavender Marketplace in response to some of the comments.

Megan Malooly: testified that she has planned events at Lavender Marketplace, including two upcoming weddings. She asked the City Council to please allow those two weddings to continue and guaranteed that her events would be conducted by all the stipulations in the TUP.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss asked if any e-mails had been received. City Clerk Aguilar advised that no e-mails had been received.

Mayor Goss brought the matter back to the Council and asked Mr. Brandstater if he would be open to questions from the City Council. Mr. Brandstater responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Parkhurst asked how many events were booked. Mr. Brandstater replied three events in 2022 and two events in 2023.

Council Member Parkhurst asked staff if TUPs were reflective on the City's website. Planning Director Gonzalez responded that staff was still working on uploading the TUPs.

Council Member Kriebs expressed concerns with the timing of the appeal period. City Attorney Giragosian responded that the City Council has discretion to change the number of days in the appeal process.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia asked if the 12-month period was within a calendar year or a rolling 12 months. City Attorney Giragosian responded that it is a calendar year.

City Attorney Giragosian clarified that TUPs are listed on the City's website, however, they are not yet posted in the GIS software that maps the permits.

The City Council made substantial amendments to the ordinance, including:

1. Section 17.88.020D7 regarding institutional uses to clarify that it applies to both situations where there is no master plan or CUP and in situations where the master plan or CUP is silent as to temporary use permit;

2. Section 17.88.060 paragraph E, a requirement that an appeal be filed within 14 days of the issuance of a permit;
3. 14-day window for an appeal of a TUP and 10-day notice period before the hearing for residents within a 300-foot radius;
4. The adaptive reuse provision of the municipal code is applicable and would override any limitations under the TUP ordinance.

The Mayor brought the matter back to Council for a motion to approve.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1459 with the amendments stated by City Attorney Giragosian.

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion to approve.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes:	Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst
Noes:	None.
Absent:	None.
Abstain:	None.

The motion to approve Ordinance 1459, with amendments, was passed unanimously.

**2 CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE No. 1459 AMENDING CHAPTER 5.36 (COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND MOTION PICTURE FILMING) OF TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSE AND REGULATIONS) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE**

It is recommended that the City Council continue the Public Hearing that was opened on June 28, 2022 and consider Ordinance No. 1459, amending Chapter 5.36 (Commercial Photography and Motion Picture Filming) of Title 5 (Business License and Regulations) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

City Attorney Giragosian gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion.

Hearing no questions from the Council, Mayor Goss opened the Hearing for public comment.

Janis Savoie, Montecito: asked for clarification as to what constitutes a “property”. Asked that the ordinance include properties used for staging. Lastly, she requested that the Council leave in the signature gathering process.

Ken Farfaring, President of Alverno Heights Academy Board of Trustees: asked if the TUP was part of the consideration of the CUP and mentioned that Alverno was in the process of applying for two CUPs.

Keith Stephens: asked to yield his time to his wife, Kristen.

Mayor Goss allowed for one additional minute to be added to Mrs. Stephens’ time.

Kristin Stephens: Commented that they submitted recommendations for amendments to the ordinance and noticed that their preferred language is not in the ordinance. Requested that the ordinance address highly desired film locations. Also asked that the Council consider including the residents in Hasting Ranch, Pasadena as they may also be impacted by the filming happening at Alverno. Lastly, she asked the Council to hire FilmLA.org to manage film shoots, and not Alverno staff or City staff.

Leesa Puleo, 672 Highland Ave.: Left the meeting prior to public comment.

Cynthia Swenka, 239 Wilson St.: called to Council’s attention the problem with noise and vibrations from idling vehicles.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss asked if any e-mails had been received. City Clerk Aguilar responded in the affirmative, forwarded to the City Council and uploaded to the City’s website for public access. E-mails received were from:

- Matthew MacDonald
- Sean MacDonald
- Harrison MacDonald

- Janis Savoie
- Carolyn Halpern
- Keith and Kristin Stephens
- Kristin Stephens

Council discussed concerns with the draft ordinance.

Council Member Kriebs asked that notifications be provided to “Occupant” rather than “Owner” or “Tenant”.

Council Member Arizmendi expressed that neighbor signatures are not necessary.

Council Member Parkhurst prefers a notification process and both Council Member Kriebs and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia agreed.

Council also deliberated changing the annual film duration from 60 days to 30 days.

For affirmation, City Attorney Giragosian read the Council’s requested changes to the draft ordinance:

- All references to “Owner and tenant” shall be changed to read “Occupant” only.
- Section 5.36.030 subsection F, the definition of film or photography activity shall include the line “inclusive of base camp, preparation, filming, and strike”
- Section 5.36.050 the provision regarding exemption for institutionally designated sites shall include language clarifying that it applies to both those sites that have a master plan or conditional use permit that don’t reference film or photography activity, as well as those sites that don’t have a master plan or conditional use permit to begin with.
- Section 5.36.065A regarding residential area standards, A1 is regarding totals. The totals shall be changed from 60 days to 30 days.
- Section 5.36.065A10 regarding the variance procedure: the notice for the variance will go out to residents within a 250-foot radius. And that same amendment will be made to the non-residential area standards.
- Section 5.36.065B8 paragraph A and B are amended to state 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, not 11:00 pm.
- Section 5.36.065B9 paragraph A and B are amended to state 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to approve Ordinance 1459 with the City Attorney’s stated amendments.

Council Member Kriebs seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

The motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1459 with amendments was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

7: 50 pm Mayor Goss called for a 10-minute break.

8:00 pm the City Council reconvened and Mayor Goss called the meeting to order.

**3 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-50 ORDERING THE ABANDONEMENT OF SIERRA MADRE LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 3, ZONE A, AND SIERRA MADRE LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 3, ZONE B; AND RESOLUTION 22-51 ORDERING THE DISSOLUTION OF SIERRA MADRE LANDSCAPE DISTRICT 3 AND SIERRA MADRE PARKING DISTRICT 5.**

It is recommended the City Council open a public hearing, receive comments from the public, and consider approving Resolutions 22-50 and 22-51 to abandon and dissolve Downtown Lighting District Zones A and B; Downtown Landscaping District 3, and Downtown Parking District 5.

Management Analyst Kownatzki gave the report.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion.

Hearing no questions from the Council, Mayor Goss opened the Hearing for public comment.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Goss asked if any e-mails had been received. City Clerk Aguilar advised that no e-mails had been received for this Hearing.

The Mayor brought the matter back to the Council for a motion.

Council Member Parkhurst made a motion to adopt Resolutions 22-50 and 22-51.

Council Member Kriebs seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes:	Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst
Noes:	None.
Absent:	None.
Abstain:	None.

The motion to adopt Resolutions 22-50 and 22-51 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **DISCUSSION**

**1. CITIZEN PETITION FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE TO CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM "INSTITUTIONAL" TO "HILLSIDE" AND THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM "INSTITUTIONAL" TO "HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT" FOR THE MATER DOLOROSA PROPERTY; AND**

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT, PREPARED PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 9212; AND**

**RESOLUTION 22-43: A RESOLUTION SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING A BALLOT INITIATIVE, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS; AND**

**RESOLUTION 22-44: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR A BALLOT INITIATIVE**

It is recommended that the City Council provide direction regarding the qualified citizen petition; receive and file the City Attorney's report, prepared pursuant to Elections Code § 9212; approve Resolution 22-43, setting priorities for filing written arguments regarding a ballot initiative, and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis; and approve Resolution 22-44 providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for a ballot initiative.

City Clerk Aguilar gave the report providing a brief summary of the citizen initiative and Resolutions 22-43 and 22-44, respectively.

City Attorney Giragosian gave a presentation on the Elections Code §9212 Report that he prepared.

Mayor Goss brought the matter to the City Council for discussion.

Mayor Goss opened the matter for public comment.

Pat Alcorn, Grandview: supports placing the initiative on the ballot for voter consideration.

Russ Guiney, Orange Grove Ave.: yielded his time and chose not to provide remarks.

Father Michael Higgins, 700 N. Sunnyside: spoke on the effects of the initiative to all those that come to the Monastery seeking spiritual growth.

Filippo Fanara, president of the Board of Directors of the Passionist Retreat Center: expressed concerns with the initiative.

Greg Murphy, Law Firm of Burke, Williams, and Sorensen: The initiative will harm the Passionist; the initiative will cause a burden; the initiative falls solely on Mater Dolorosa.

Jeanne Walick: support Mater Dolorosa, opposes the initiative

Scott Oliver, 144 W. Carter Ave.: stated that he circulated the petition for signature and denies any misinformation to the voters.

Philip Yao, Sierra Keys Dr.: left the meeting prior and did not provide comment.

Tricia Searcy, Fairview: left the meeting and did not provide comment.

Alex Arrieta, Edgeview: provided arguments against the claims made by the attorneys and applicant.

Robert Gjerde, Vista Circle: provided concerns with the initiative and asked the Council to hold public forums educating the voters on the initiative.

Kristine Lowe, 138 Esperanza: supports the Meadows project.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss closed public comment. Mayor Goss asked if any e-mails had been received. City Clerk Aguilar advised that e-mails had been received, forwarded to the City Council, and uploaded onto the City's website, from:

- Maria Karafilis
- Tricia Searcy
- Russ Guiney
- Daniel Golden
- Barbara Velluro

The Mayor brought the matter back to the Council for discussion.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to place the Initiative on the November 8 ballot.

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes:	Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst
Noes:	None.
Absent:	None.
Abstain:	None.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Arizmendi stated that she opposes the initiative.

Mayor Goss agreed and stated that he believes the initiative is ill-informed

Council Member Kriebs expressed concerns with the initiative and the information provided to the voters that signed the petition. She stated that she suspects that many of the signers did not understand that the petition could result in 8 or more 6,500 square foot homes. Based on the resident concerns at the Planning Commission meetings, most of the comments regarding the development had to do with lot size and house size at 3,775 square feet. Supports the resolution opposing the initiative.

Council Member Parkhurst expressed that he is against the initiative. He believes it sets a dangerous precedent for land-use; it creates the only non-conforming land-use. He thinks it's bad policy and the initiative will tie the Council's hands. The initiative will not provide the outcome that has been provided at all the meetings and appears to actually work against it.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated that in doing the math, the residential development proposes less homes and that provides for less hardscape and more opportunity for recharge into the aquifer. Concerned that if the entire Mater Dolorosa property is zoned hillside residential then what's to stop the Monastery from selling the entire land and continuing their mission elsewhere. If that happens the entire 35 acres could be developed. Does not believe that eight 6,500 square-foot homes in one area is what Sierra Madre looks like and goes against the General Plan in that aspect. He is opposed to the initiative.

Mayor Goss provided that both he and Council Member Arizmendi put a lot of hours on the General Plan change in 2015, going into building codes and zoning to ensure that "McMansions" would be discouraged

from being built in Sierra Madre. There is no way he could support a development of 6,500 square-foot homes. He wonders if the proponents of the initiative understood this and believes they would be opposed to this if they did.

The Mayor brought the matter back to the Council for a motion.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to approve Resolution 22-43.

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

The motion to adopt Resolution 22-43 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council moved on to discuss Resolution 22-44.

Council Member Parkhurst made a motion to approve Resolution 22-44.

Council Member Arizmendi seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

The motion to adopt Resolution 22-44 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**FUTURE ITEMS:**

Mayor Goss asked if any Council Member wished to add any items for future meetings.

- Mtn. Trail and Orange Grove traffic mitigation (Garcia)
- Gun Control: education, grants, gunlocks, trigger locks, recommended gun ordinance enhancements, Carrying Concealed Weapon (CCW) legislative updates (Parkhurst)
- Ordinance on idling vehicles (Parkhurst)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Kriebs made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a vote of the Council.

Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Member Arizmendi, Council Member Kriebs, and Council Member Parkhurst  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held on July 26, 2022.

  
Gene Goss, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:

  
Laura Aguilar, City Clerk