



CITY OF SIERRA MADRE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

City of Sierra Madre Memorial Park Bandshell
222 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M. Acting City Clerk Laura Aguilar called the roll.

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

Staff Present: Gabe Engeland, City Manager
Aleks Giragosian, City Attorney
Laura Aguilar, Acting City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager
Brent Bartlett, Fire Chief
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Chris Cimino, Director of Public Works
Christian Delgado, Senior Network Administrator
Vincent Gonzalez, Planning and Community Preservation Director
Hillary Guirola-Leon, Finance Director
Miguel Hernandez, Assistant City Manager
Clare Lin, Associate Planner
Colby Konisek, Budget Manager
Oscar Millan, IT Manager
Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Analyst
Christine Smart, City Librarian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION

Mayor Arizmendi led the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke about recent hate events against the Asian community, and encouraged everyone to be kind to one another.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Arizmendi asked for approval of the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Goss moved to approve the agenda.

Council Member Garcia seconded the motion.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

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.

Council Member Parkhurst moved to approve the reading of all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only and waive the reading in full.

Council Member Kriebs seconded the reading of all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only and waive the reading in full.

Ayes: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, and Council Members Edward Garcia, Kelly Kriebs and Robert Parkhurst
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

The motion to approve the reading of all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only and waive the reading in full passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Arizmendi asked for approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of March 9, 2021

Council Member Garcia requested a clarification be made to the venue information.
Council Member Parkhurst requested a clarification to the language on page 4, paragraph 3.

Council Member Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the Council meeting as amended.
Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, and Council Members Edward Garcia, Kelly Kriebs and Robert Parkhurst
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

The motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of March 9, 2021, as amended, was passed by a unanimous vote.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Robert Parkhurst

Council Member Parkhurst shared that he attended the Clean Power Alliance Lobby Day on March 10, where they provided a presentation on SB 612.
Council Member Parkhurst shared that he had attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss

Nothing to report.

Council Member Edward Garcia

Nothing to report.

Council Member Kelly Kriebs

Nothing to report.

Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi

Mayor Arizmendi recognized Nina Bartolai as another of the "Unsung Heroines" mentioned in Joan Fredricks' book.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Christine Smart

Ms. Smart thanked the Police Department for their collaboration on the events at the Library.

Deb Sheridan

Valle Vista Dr.

Ms. Sheridan spoke of concerns in the number of Planning Commissioners, and requested the City Council agendize a discussion to increase the number of Commissioners and restore their authority.

Todd Cranston Cuevas
Fairview Ave.

Mr. Cuevas inquired about the plan to notify residents about their ability to comment on the New Urban West development project at the Monastery.

Acting City Clerk Aguilar stated that no comments were received by email.

Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment on items not on the agenda.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION BY MAYOR ARIZMENDI ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES WOMEN'S CAUCUS "WOMEN OF PERSISTENCE" AWARD TO MEGHAN MALOOLY

SIERRA MADRE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SAFETY REPORT PRESENTED BY FIRE CHIEF BARTLETT

AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

CONSENT

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-19 APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre does hereby approve payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$896,442.30; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$29,100.54; and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of \$426,123.17; for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 1439 REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 15.44 ("EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION IN EXISTING BUILDINGS") AND ADDING CHAPTER 15.44 ("EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION IN EXISTING UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDINGS AND RISK REDUCTION SCHEDULE"), OF TITLE 15 ("BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION") OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a second reading of Ordinance No. 1439, repealing in its entirety Chapter 15.44 (Earthquake Hazard Reduction in Existing Unreinforced Masonry Buildings), and adding Chapter 15.44 (Earthquake Hazard Reduction in Existing Unreinforced Masonry Buildings and Risk Reduction Schedule), of Title 15 (Building and Construction) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 1440 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.34 (AFFORDABLE HOUSING) OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE SIERRA MADRE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONFORM TO THE STATE DENSITY BONUS LAW

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a second reading of Ordinance 1440, amending Chapter 17.34 (Affordable Housing) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

AWARD OF BID FOR THE SECURITY FENCE ON GRAND VIEW AVE AT THE SPREADING GROUNDS

It is recommended that the City Council award the contract in the amount of \$67,400.00 to Dash Construction Company, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a 1,000 feet of security fence at the Sierra Madre Spreading grounds.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTING THE FIFTH DISTRICT CONSOLIDATED OVERSIGHT BOARD OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY APPROVE DISSOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

It is recommended that the Board of Directors consider and approve Resolution 21-18 requesting the Fifth District Consolidated Oversight Board of Los Angeles County approve the dissolution of the Successor Agency to the Sierra Madre Community Redevelopment Agency.

Mayor Arizmendi asked if any Council Members had questions on any of the Consent Items.

Council Member Parkhurst inquired about the two buildings removed from the list of Unreinforced Masonry properties.

Council Member Garcia inquired about the gates to be replaced at the City Yard.

Mayor Arizmendi opened public comment on the Consent Calendar items.

Mayor Arizmendi stated that no email comments were received for items on the Consent Calendar items.

Seeing no one, Mayor Arizmendi closed public comment on the Consent Calendar and requested a motion.

Council Member Kriebs made a motion to approve Consent Items as presented.

Council Member Parkhurst seconded the motion.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion to approve Consent Items as presented was passed by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 21-17 APPROVING PARCEL MAP 20-01; A REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE THE PROPERTY AT 91 EAST ORANGE GROVE AVENUE INTO TWO (2) PARCELS

It is recommended that the City Council approve City Council Resolution 21-17, approving the application for Tentative Parcel Map 20-01.

Associate Planner Lin delivered the report and Power Point Presentation.

The Council asked the applicant about the existing and proposed lot sizes, the review process, and the development potential for the proposed lots.

Shelia Harjento
EGL & Associates

Ms. Harjento stated that the current focus is a lot split, and that the plans for development are not complete.

Mayor Arizmendi open the Public Comment and noted that no comments had been received by email.

Gin Kyndburg
E. Bonita

Ms. Kyndburg stated she was a neighbor and was looking for more information on the project, in particular the demolition process and the timing.

The Council discussed the project.

Action: Council Member Parkhurst moved to approve City Council Resolution 21-17 approving Parcel Map 20-01; a request to subdivide the property at 91 East Orange Grove.

Mayor Pro Tem Goss seconded.

The motion to approve City Council Resolution 21-17 carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION

CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 612

It is recommended that the City Council discuss the proposed legislation and provide direction to staff.

Management Analyst Carlson delivered the report requested by Council Member Parkhurst.

Council Member Parkhurst provided the background and details of proposed Senate Bill 612.

The City Council discussed the proposed Senate Bill, considering the impact on Sierra Madre residents, and the reasons for the delay in approval in the Senate. The City Council also discussed what supporting Senate Bill 612 would mean, which agencies were in favor of Senate Bill 612 and the best manner in which to communicate their support.

Public Comment

Ron D

Mr. D inquired about the requirement to wear facemasks at the meeting.

Mayor Arizmendi acknowledged this comment was not in reference to the item being discussed.

Seeing no one else, Mayor Arizmendi closed the Public Comment

City Attorney Giragosian provided the Council an update on the current status of Senate Bill 612, stating that the bill has gone through Committee once and may go through more rounds of review before going to the Senate.

Council Member Parkhurst offered to invite the Policy Director from Clean Power Alliance to attend a future meeting to provide further insight.

Council Member Kriebs offered to reach out to Southern California Edison to see if they may like to add input at a future meeting.

Action: City Council directed staff to return with an update upon clarification from Committee.

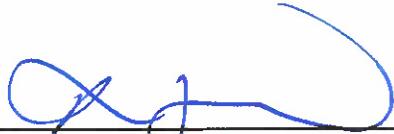
NEW ITEMS PLACED FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Mayor Arizmendi asked the Council if there were any new items for future meeting agendas. No Council member added items for future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Arizmendi adjourned the meeting at 5:21p.m.

THIS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 5:21 P.M. to a Regular Meeting to be held on April 13, 2021.



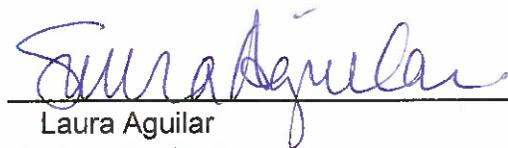
Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:

Minutes reviewed by:



Jennifer Peterson
Administrative Analyst



Laura Aguilar
Acting City Clerk