



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

Tuesday, August 23, 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

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting, filed into public record and scanned onto the City website for public review.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)

CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of a City Council meeting is to conduct City business. Members of the public that behave in a manner that interrupts or obstructs the Council's ability to conduct City business may be asked to leave the meeting. Any and all demonstrations which disrupt, interrupt, or obstruct the Council's ability to conduct City business are prohibited. No signs, posters or other large objects shall be brought into the Council Chambers or other meeting place if doing so would disrupt, disturb or otherwise impede the orderly course of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Goss called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Clerk Aguilar called the roll.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jose Reynoso, City Manager
Miguel Hernandez, Assistant City Manager
Aleks Giragosian, City Attorney
Laura Aguilar, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
Henry Amos, Acting Police Chief
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Amber Tardif, Administrative Analyst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INSPIRATION

Mayor Goss led the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Goss asked for changes to the agenda or a motion to approve as presented.

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member Kriebs seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a roll call vote of the Council to approve the agenda.

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 agenda as presented was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Parkhurst: attended the Clean Power Alliance meeting; no report from that meeting.

Council Member Kriebs: attended the Planning Commission meeting. She commended the Commissioners for their ability to facilitate a discussion and recommend a direction for the Meadows Project, while addressing and answering specific questions regarding public and fire safety.

Council Member Arizmendi: no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia: watched the Planning Commission meeting and wanted to commend Commission Chair Dennison for handling the meeting with a clear direction.

Mayor Goss: provided no report.

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.

Public comment from the podium in Council Chambers:

Todd Sarkaria: spoke on the Waterworks Aquatics program and asked Council to consider bringing the program back to Sierra Madre at the YMCA.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Goss asked City Clerk Aguilar if any e-mails had been submitted for public comment. City Clerk Aguilar advised that no e-mails were received for items not on the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

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

CONSENT

a) CA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to approve and sign the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant for the federal fiscal year 2022-2023, in an amount that does not exceed \$30,000.

Mayor Goss asked the Council if they had any questions.

No questions were asked by the Council.

Mayor Goss opened the matter for public comment.

Seeing no one come forward to the podium, Mayor Goss closed public comment and brought the matter back to Council for discussion and/or a vote.

Mayor Goss asked for a motion.

Rachelle Arizmendi made a motion to approve Consent Item A.

Robert Parkhurst seconded the motion.

Mayor Goss called for a roll call 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 Consent Item A was passed by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION

1. COUNCIL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SUB-COMMITTEE DRAFT REBUTTAL ARGUMENT FOR BALLOT MEASURE

Staff recommends that the City Council provide the sub-committee with direction regarding the preparation of a rebuttal argument opposing the Citizen Initiative argument. The Citizen Initiative is scheduled to be on the November 8, 2022, ballot

Mayor Goss opened the matter for public comment.

Pat Alcorn: thanked the Council for their time and the hard work they are doing writing the rebuttal argument for the Ballot Initiative.

Seeing no one else come forward to the podium, Mayor Goss closed public comment and brought the matter back to Council for discussion.

The City Council provided the subcommittee direction for preparing the rebuttal argument.

FUTURE ITEMS:

Mayor Goss asked if the Council had any items for future agendas.

Council Member Kriebs: would like to review infrastructure funds in order to discuss the possibility of placing electric charging stations in Sierra Madre.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Arizmendi made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

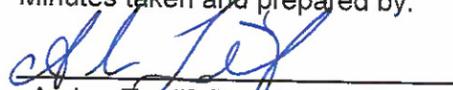
Ayes: Mayor Goss, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Council Members Arizmendi, Kriebs, and Parkhurst
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

The motion to adjourn was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

THIS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 6:12 p.m. to a Regular Meeting to be held on September 13, 2022.


Gene Goss, Mayor

Minutes taken and prepared by:


Amber Tardif, Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed by:


Laura Aguilar, City Clerk