

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
NOVEMBER 14, 2023

ROLL CALL – All Present

1. CLOSED SESSION – 4:22 p.m.

- a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraphs (d)(2) and (e)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Two potential cases**
- b. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraphs (d)(2) and (e)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Two potential cases**
- c. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: California Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc., et al. v. City of Glendale, et al., U.S.D.C. Case No. 2:22-cv-07346-SB-JC**
- d. **Conference with Labor Negotiators. The City-designated negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, John Takhtalian, Michael J. Garcia, Gillian van Muyden, Paula Adams, Aymee Martin, Greg Fish, Jason Bradford and Laura Kalty. The name of the employee organizations is: Glendale Fire Fighters' Association**

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is not anticipated. Council recessed to closed session at 4:24 p.m.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:12 PM

Roll Call – All Present

- a. **Flag Salute: Mayor Dan Brotman**
- b. **Invocation: Suzie Abajian, City Clerk**
- c. **Report of the City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on November 9, 2023, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, November 21, 2023

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the regular meetings for November 21 have been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be held on November 28, 2023.

4. CONSENT ITEMS (Including Minutes)

The following are Routine and May be Acted Upon by One Motion. Any Member of Council or the Audience Requesting Separate Consideration May do so by Making Such Request Before Motion is Proposed.

Item 4e pulled for separate consideration.

a. City Clerk, re: Minutes of the Special City Council and Regular City Council Meetings of November 7, 2023

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Devine

b. Police Department, re: The Police Department's 2022 Specialized Equipment Use Report

1. Motion to note and file this report

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

c. Public Works, re: Adoption of Specification and Advertising for Bids for Scholl Canyon Perimeter Fencing Replacement Project

1. Resolution 23-173 adopting Specification No. 3960 for the Scholl Canyon Perimeter Fencing Replacement Project and directing the City Clerk to advertise for bids

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

d. Public Works, re: Authorization for Submittal of Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations for a Period of Five Years

1. Resolution 23-174 authorizing submittal of CalRecycle grant applications and related authorizations for which the City of Glendale is eligible for five years

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

e. Public Works, re: Adoption of Plans and Specifications for 140 N. Isabel Building and Civic Center Parking Garage Stairways Painting Project

Public Comment:
Allan Durham

1. Resolution 23-175 adopting Specification No. 3966 for the 140 N. Isabel Building and Civic Center Parking Garage Stairway Painting Project and directing the City Clerk to advertise for bids

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Asatryan asked staff to agendize a report on providing childcare on campus for city employees. She spoke about the recent rise in home burglaries and asked Police Chief Manny Cid to provide a report to council on this situation.

Councilmember Kassakhian asked staff to agendize a report on filing a suit against Citibank Corporation for discrimination. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau fined Citibank up to \$26M for intentional illegal discrimination against Armenian Americans, particularly within the City of Glendale. Kassakhian asked staff to agendize a report on a standby translator for Armenian and Spanish speakers.

City Clerk Abajian invited the public to attend “Glendale Women Today” Event held by the Commission on the Status of Women, at the Adult Recreation Center on November 15 at 6:30pm. She announced that the nomination period for the March 5, 2024 Election opened Monday, November 13 and will close December 8, 2023 at 5pm. If anyone wants to pull papers, they can stop by the City Clerk’s office during business hours during the nomination period.

Police Chief Cid announced that the Police Department will utilize “Zencity,” a government-focused platform that gathers data from online public channels where residents are organically sharing feedback about their local government. Cid invited the public to attend an upcoming meeting, presented by the Pasadena Humane Society, about “Coyote Safety,” on November 22 at the Police Department.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Tamara Movsesyan
Stephen Meek
Allan Durham

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. **Management Services, re: Ordinance 6015 Amending Glendale Municipal Code, 1995, Title 8 Chapter 8.42 To Prohibit the Use, Distribution and Sale of Polystyrene Products on a Citywide Basis (Continued from 11/07/2023)**

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Devine, Kassakhian, Brotman

Noes: Asatryan, Najarian

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Staff Comments:

David Jones, Sustainability Officer

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Public Comment:

Gayane

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **City Attorney, re: Amendment to Glendale Municipal Code Section 9.25.050 Pertaining to Exemptions to the City's Ban on the Possession of Firearms and Ammunition on City Property**

Staff Comments:

Edward Kang, Principal Assistant City Attorney

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

1. Introduction of Ordinance Amending Glendale Municipal Code Section 9.25.050

Introduced by: Najarian

- b. **Police Department, re: Authorization to Initiate a Referral Incentive Program for eligible sworn and non-sworn employees of the Glendale Police Department and a Signing Bonus Program for eligible lateral police officers and lateral dispatchers**

Staff Comment:

Manuel Cid, Police Chief

1. Motion authorizing the Glendale Police Department to implement a Referral Incentive Program for eligible sworn and non-sworn employees of the Glendale Police Department and a Signing Bonus Program for eligible lateral police officers and lateral dispatchers

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Najarian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

c. Glendale Water and Power, re: 2023 Electric Rates Cost of Service Analysis (COSA)

Staff Comments:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager
Mark Young, General Manager
Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Presenting:

Scott Mellon, Asst. General Manager of GWP
Tony Georges, Newgen Consultant

Public Comments:

Karen Kwak
Jason Morgado
Ramella Eraghi
Jackie Gish
Vartan Gharpetian
Nick Franklin
David Eisenberg

1. Ordinance Establishing Electric Rates for Glendale Water and Power Customers

Ordinance introduced by: Devine

d. Glendale Water and Power, re: Grayson Repowering Project – Demolition and Site Improvement Contract Contingency Amount Amendment; Balance of Site Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) Contract Award, Professional Services Agreement Amendment; and Wartsila North America, Inc. Engineering and Procurement Contract Award

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Presenting:

Scott Mellon, Asst. General Manager of GWP

Public Comments:

Vartan Gharpetian
Patrick Masihi

1. Motion authorizing an increase to the contingency amount by \$10,000,000 to a new contingency amount of \$15,443,747 to the existing Contract No. 8002075 with Silverado Contractors, Inc. (Silverado) for the Grayson Repowering Project

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Asatryan

2. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to the existing PSA, Contract No. 8002155, with ARB, Inc. (ARB), increasing the not to exceed amount by \$330,000 to a new not to exceed amount of \$630,000 and to add the following to the scope of work: 1) develop an indicative construction cost for the Wartsila Power Island, and 2) perform the necessary engineering to support and prepare procurement documents for long lead electrical equipment, and 3) then obtain formal quotations

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Asatryan

3. Resolution 23-176 authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an EPC contract with ARB, in the not to exceed amount of \$362,700,000 plus a 10% contingency of \$36,270,000 to 1) serve as the EPC for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Power Island, 2) serve as the EPC for the BOS work, 3) integration of the BESS and Wartsila Power Islands into the Utility Operations Center, and 4) construct the Wartsila Power Island

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Asatryan

4. Resolution 23-177 Amending Resolution 22-189, and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an EP contract with Wartsila in the not to exceed amount of \$108,555,800 plus a 15% contingency of \$16,283,370 to provide and deliver the engineering design and equipment for the Wartsila Power Island

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Asatryan

5. Resolution 23-178 of Appropriations

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Asatryan

e. Glendale Water and Power, re: City Owned Solar Development Program – Phase 1 Award of Contracts

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Presenting:

Bryan Salazar, Administrative Analyst/ Electrical Engineering

Public Comments:

Daniel Thomson, California Solar

Jackie Gish

Monica Campagna

1. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a construction contract with Solar Optimum, Inc., using the Alternative Project Delivery Method for the Engineer-Procure-Construct (EPC) of Solar PV Systems for a not-to-exceed amount of \$9,953,000 with a 15% contingency of \$1,492,950 at the following project sites: 1) Sports Complex, 2) Glendale Community College Lot 34, 3) Utility Operations Center, 4) Central Library, and 5) GWP Perkins Building

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Asatryan

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract with Motive Energy Storage Systems, Inc., using the Alternative Project Delivery Method for the EPC of Solar PV Systems for a not to exceed amount of \$151,274 with a 15% contingency of \$22,691 for project design and engineering, and environmental analysis under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) at the following project site: 1) Brand Landfill

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Asatryan

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Resolution 23-179 amending Resolution 23-24, authorizing the General Manager of Glendale Water & Power Department, or his designee, to utilize the Engineer, Procure, Construct (EPC) Project Delivery Method for the Solar Photovoltaic System at Six Proposed Sites

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Asatryan

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Agenda out of order. Item 9b read next.

9. HEARINGS

a. Community Development, re: 601 North Brand Boulevard – Stage I Preliminary Design Review (Case No. PDR 000628-2022)

Kassakhian recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Hearing opened at 10:42 p.m. and closed at 11:30 p.m.

Presenting:

Roger Kiesel, Senior Planner

Staff Comments:

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Public Comments:

Ben Spector, Applicant

Scott Berry, Architect

Allan Durham

Zach Strasters

Victoria Valentine

1. Motion to Approve Stage I Preliminary Design Review

Moved: Asatryan

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Kassakhian (recused)

b. Public Works, re: Public Hearing on the Appeal of the Decision of the Director of Public Works Granting Encroachment Permit No. EP-823 for the Installation of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Public Right of Way located in front of 1544 W. Kenneth Road (Continued from 11/07/2023)

Staff Comments:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Dorine Martirosian, Principal Asst. City Attorney

Presenting:

Yazdan Emrani, Director of Public Works

Joe Milone, Extenent Systems

Public Comments:

Patrick Masihi

Yvan Poissant

1. Motion DENYING the appeal and upholding the decision of the Director of Public Works granting Encroachment Permit No. EP-823

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Devine, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: Asatryan, Kassakhian

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Motion GRANTING the appeal, reversing the decision of the Director of Public Works, and continuing the matter until November 28, 2023, for the City Attorney to prepare findings consistent with Council direction

10. REPORTS - INFORMATION

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBER FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

a. Mayor Brotman's Request to a Report on a Pilot Program for a Private Local Electric Shuttle Service

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Asatryan

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

Abstain: None

b. Mayor Brotman's Request to Agendize an Emergency Moratorium on Rental Housing Evictions for Purposes of Conducting Renovations To Allow City To Study Changes to the City's Regulations Pertaining to Renovation-Based Evictions

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

Abstain: None

Public Comments:

Grace Brands

Jen Rosser

Ramella Eraghi

Janna Aziz

Dulce

Greg Astorian

c. Councilmember Kassakhian's Request to Agendize a Report on Establishing a Charter Review Committee

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Asatryan

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

Abstain: None

13. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion is Limited to Items NOT a Part of this Agenda. Each Speaker is Allowed 5 minutes. Council May Question or Respond to The Speaker But There Will be no Debate or Decision. The City Manager May Refer the Matter to the Appropriate Department for Investigation and Report.

Karine Simonyan

Liana

Vladimir Arutyunyan

Tamara Movsesyan

Ramella Eraghi

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT – 12:12 a.m.

Moved: Asatryan

Seconded: Kassakhian

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale