

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
AUGUST 13, 2024

ROLL CALL – All Present

- 1. CLOSED SESSION – 3:07 p.m.**
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel. Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Two potential cases**
 - b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Claim of State Farm Insurance Co. (Ruiz), Claim No. 24-0209**
 - c. Public Employment - Attorneys**
 - d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Najarian v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 24STCP02101**
 - e. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One potential case**
 - f. Conference with Real Property Negotiators: City-designated negotiators: Bradley Calvert. Property Location: 116-118 California Street. Negotiating Parties: Aro Agakhanyan. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms of payment for the lease of City-owned property**

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is anticipated on item 1b. The council recessed to closed session at 3:09 p.m.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:04 PM

Roll Call – All Present

- a. Flag Salute: Mayor Elen Asatryan**
- b. Invocation: Dr. Suzie Abajian, City Clerk**
- c. Report of the City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on August 8, 2024, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, August 20, 2024**
Asst. City Manager John Takhtalian provided the preview.
- b. Remarks by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to discuss Climate Adaptation Master Plan**
Item moved to a future date.
- c. Reappointment/Appointment to the Boards and Commissions (Brotman, 07/30/24)**
 - Chris Lowery, GWP Commission**
 - Alejandro Parajon, Audit Committee**
 - Daniel Paul, Historic Preservation Commission`**
 - Stefan Chraghchian, Planning Commission**
 - Erasto Ongkeko Jr., Building and Fire Board of Appeals**

- **Grand Avanesian, GWP Commission**
- **Andre Ordubegian, Transportation and Parking Commission**

4. CONSENT ITEMS (Including Minutes)

a. City Clerk, re: Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 16 and Special City Council and Regular City Council Meetings of July 30, 2024

Vote as Follows

b. Management Services, re: Audit Committee Annual Report and Internal Audit Work Plan

Vote as Follows

Vote as Follows

c. **Glendale Water and Power, re: Award of a Contract to SECC Corporation for the Construction of a Fiber Optic Line to the Parks and Facilities in Scholl Canyon**

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Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Najarian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Najarian stated that he would like to reappoint Edwin Belen for the Audit Committee, Zaven Hanessian for the Building and Fire Appeals Board, Ronnie Gharibian for the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, Nina Jazmadarian for the Glendale Water and Power Commission, Chris Cragnotti for the Historical Preservation Commission, Talin Shahbazian for the Planning Commission, Haig Kartounian for the Sustainability Commission, and Zareh Amirian for the Transportation and Planning Commission.

Councilmember Kassakhian thanked Council for enduring the long meeting last Tuesday and for leaving certain items for him to weigh on. He asked staff to cite vendors impeding the sidewalk. Kassakhian spoke to staff about putting an abatement on businesses selling sandwiches in front of their store and asked staff to work with them in promoting their business. He asked staff to adjourn the next meeting in memory of Zaven Khanjian, the late Executive Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

Councilmember Brotman stated that he would like to reappoint Diane Lambillotte for the Commission on the Status of Women and Arlene Vidor for the Arts and Culture Commission.

Councilmember Gharpetian attended a few of the National Night Out events last week.

Mayor Asatryan announced that the Comprehensive Community Health Center (CCHC) hosted a Multicultural Health Fair and Children's Appreciation Day event last Saturday and provided free health screenings and education to disadvantaged families. She asked staff to coordinate with CCHC for future healthcare events and have a discussion on the information and data they have regarding men's health. Asatryan asked staff to work together with LA County Office of Immigration and Supervisor Kathryn Barger in putting together a resource fair for refugees. She announced that the state will fund \$200M for solar programs for families that are part of the CARE program. Asatryan stated that small businesses across California will receive grant funding through the CA Paid Family Leave program. More information can be found at: <https://californiapfl.com/>.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Corey DeCola

Alek Bartrosouf

Mike Mohill

Susan Broussalian

Meline Melconian

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. Community Development, re: Ordinance Extending, by an Additional One Year, Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 6011 Prohibiting Issuance of Entitlements and/or Permits for Establishment of New or Replacement Retail Uses Selling Firearms or Ammunition (Kassakhian, 07/16/24) (Moved from July 30, 2024 Council Meeting)**

Item did not pass.

Staff Comments:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. City Clerk, re: Consideration of support of state bills recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women**

Presenting:

Dr. Sophia Armen, Administrative Analyst

Kyra Ross, Emanuels Jones & Associates

Public Comment:

Mike Mohill

1. Motion providing direction on bills as recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Gharpetian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- b. Public Works, re: Urban Forestry Tree Planting and Maintenance Program Contract Increases**

Presenting:

Loren Klick, Urban Forester

1. Resolution 24-136 dispensing with competitive bidding and authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to amend contract 8000974 for city tree services, with West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) increasing the contract amount by \$40,560 to \$11,618,220 for the purpose of planting 104 trees as part of the reimbursable United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service grant subject to budget approval in FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26, and FY 2026-27

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Gharpetian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 24-137 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a GreenLatinos Urban and Community Forestry Program Subaward Agreement for City of Glendale's Canopy Improvement to plant 104 trees and perform a comprehensive Citywide canopy assessment

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Gharpetian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

c. Community Development, re: Project Update- Bicycle Transportation Plan (Continued from July 30, 2024. Public Comment Taken on July 30, 2024; No Additional Public Comment Will Be Taken Unless the Matter Substantially Changes.)

Staff Comments:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

1. Motion providing direction on the update of the Bicycle Transportation Plan

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: Gharpetian, Najarian

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The council recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened in 10 minutes.

9. HEARINGS

a. Community Development, re: Appeal of a Portion of Historic Preservation Commission's Conditional Approval of Design Review Case No. PDR-003119-2024 for the Property Located at 1239 Rossmoyne Avenue

The hearing opened at 9:02 p.m. and closed at 10:20 p.m.

Presenting:

Eric Ji, Planning Associate

Staff Comments:

Jay Platt, Principal Planner

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Public Comments:

Lermont Akopyan, Applicant

Edgar Markosyan, Architect

Benjamin Sadow

Allan Durham
Kathy Baur
Francesca Smith

1. Motion to Sustain Historic Preservation Commission's Decision to Approve the Project with All Original Conditions of Approval Imposed by Commission
2. Motion to Modify the Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission to Approve the Project by Removal of Two Conditions of Approval
3. Motion to Modify the Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission to Approve the Project with Any Alternative Combination of Conditions of Approval

Moved: Gharpetian

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Motion to Continue the Appeal, Directing the City Attorney to Draft Findings Reversing the Historic Preservation Commission's Decision and Denying the Project

b. Community Development, re: Ordinance Amending Title 30 of the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995, (Case No. PZC-0010-2024) Relating Generally to Standards and Processes for Drive-through Establishments, and Miscellaneous Zoning Code Clean-Ups

The hearing opened at 10:33 p.m. and closed at 11:47 p.m.

Presenting:

Vista Ezzati, Principal Planner

Staff Comments:

Gillian Van Muyden, Chief Asst. City Attorney

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

Public Comments:

Alek Bartrosouf

Ken Stahl

- ## 1. Ordinance for Introduction

Ordinance Introduced by: Kassakhian

10. REPORTS – INFORMATION

Item 10a will be discussed as a Study Session on August 22, 2024.

- a. City of Glendale Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Update (Moved from July 30 Council Meeting)**

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBER FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

- a. Councilmember Najarian's request to agendize a discussion of a policy for removing items from the agenda after it has been published (Moved from July 30 Council Meeting)

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Gharpetian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Brotman left the Council Chambers at 11:50 p.m.

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.

Andre Ordubegian

Tamara Movsesyan

Maro Yacoubian

Joe

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve the claim for damages of State Farm Mutual Insurance Company ASO Rigoberto Ruiz, claim no. 24-0209, for the sum of \$14,706.69

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Brotman

Abstain: None

15. ADJOURNMENT – 12:15 p.m.

Moved: Gharpetian

Seconded: Kassakhian

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale