

MINUTES
GLENDAL CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
DECEMBER 5, 2023

ROLL CALL

1. CLOSED SESSION – 5:09 PM

- 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: One potential case**

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is not anticipated. Council recessed to closed session at 5:10 p.m.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:04 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 December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on November 30, 2023, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, December 12, 2023**
Asst. City Manager John Takhtalian provided the preview.

- b. Appointment of Rima Gregorian Cameron to the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee (Brotman/Najarian, 11/07/23)**

Vote as Follows

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

- c. Appointment of Jeffrey Head to the Historic Preservation Commission (Devine/Brotman, 11/28/23)**

Vote as Follows

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

- d. Identification of Nominating Panel for Civil Service Commission (Asatryan/Brotman)**

- e. Identification of Nominating Panel for Civil Service Commission (Brotman/Devine)**

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.

a. City Clerk, re: Minutes of the Special City Council and Regular City Council Meetings of November 28, 2023

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Glendale Water and Power, re: Adoption of Plans and Specification for the Park Manor Slope Repair and Debris Mitigation Project

1. Resolution 23-186 adopting Specification No. 3972 and Plan No. 6979 for Park Manor Slope Repair and Debris Mitigation 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

Mayor Brotman requested to review the Boards and Commission nominating panel rotation process. He attended the annual electric vehicle test-drive event and stated that this year, the city added electric bicycles to the test rides. Brotman conducted a site visit to look at an area which is adjacent to Chevy Chase Road in the canyon that's been identified by the Arroyo Foothills Conservancy as a potential wildlife crossing location. Mayor Brotman renominated Stephen Ryfle to the Vector Control District.

Councilmembers attended several events including the Christmas Tree lighting in the City Hall Parcher Plaza and the Montrose Christmas Parade. Najarian asked everyone to be safe while driving, crossing the streets, and to be vigilant during the holidays. Devine wished that the Christmas spirit is felt all year long. Asatryan asked staff to make the tree lighting ceremony more inclusive of the diverse cultural traditions and religious holidays celebrated within the city. Brotman commented that all councilmembers rode eco-friendly surrey bikes for the Montrose Christmas Parade.

Councilmembers Asatryan and Devine renominated Talin Shahbazian to the Planning Commission. Asatryan asked staff to coordinate with AT&T to get more information on the Affordable Connectivity Program for low-income residents. Asatryan asked staff to hire temporary security for residential areas impacted by recent robberies. City Manager Roubik Golanian stated that the Glendale Police Department is working on a plan and will inform the public and council when it is finalized.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Police Department, re: Police Department Brand Standardization with procurement provided by Axon Enterprise Inc., hardware, and software upgrades to include In-Car Video systems, Body Worn Cameras, Drones, Interview room cameras and technology to support the Real Time Intelligence Center**

Presenting:

Sean Riley, Police Lt.

1. Resolution 23-187 adopting Axon Enterprise Inc.'s In-Car Video systems, Body Worn Cameras, Drones, Interview room cameras, storage, technology, licenses, hardware, and software as the City's standard for the Police Department and dispensing with competitive bidding authorizing the City Manager or designee to procure related hardware, software, parts, maintenance, and services

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 23-188 of Appropriation

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- b. **City Manager, re: Direction on the Formation of Human Relations Coalition**

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Presenting:

Armineh Hoonanian, Principal Administrative Officer

Public Comment:

Araik Sinanian

1. Motion to Note and File Report

2. Motion Directing Staff

Direction was provided to staff and was unanimously agreed on.

c. City Attorney, re: Discussion of Potential Ballot Measures Amending City Charter

Presenting:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

1. Resolution Authorizing Placing on the Ballot Questions of Amending the Charter of the City of Glendale to Allow for Alternate Locations for Council Meetings, for the Council to Prescribe the Standards and Procedures for Awarding City Contracts, for Certain Urgency Ordinances for the Immediate Preservation of Public Health, Safety or Welfare to Be Introduced and Adopted at the Same Meeting, and to Make Other Miscellaneous Changes to the Charter; Directing City Attorney to Prepare Impartial Analysis
2. Motion Directing Staff Regarding Potential Charter Amendments

3. Resolution 23-190 Calling for Arguments for and Against the Ballot Measures

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Alternate Resolution 23-189 Authorizing Placing on the Ballot the Question of Amending the Charter of the City of Glendale to Allow for the Council to Prescribe the Standards and Procedures for Awarding City Contracts

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

d. Community Services and Parks, re: Dog Park Feasibility Study

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Presenting:

Onnig Bulanikian, Director of Community Services and Parks

Zachary Mueting, RJM Design Group

Joseph Gonzalez, Park Planner

Public Comments:

Stephen Meek

Allan Durham

Michael Belzer

Joel Vanderspek

Holly Keenan

Carol Brusha

Jen Rosser
Allan Dish
Susan Wolfson
Patty Silversher
Zuzka Eggena
Hank Schwinger

1. Motion approving the draft Dog Park Feasibility Study report
2. Motion approving a location(s) for a new dog park(s) and directs CSP staff to request proposals from design consultants to prepare design alternatives and cost estimates for the approved dog park location(s) for subsequent Council consideration

Motion to direct staff to prioritize the Garfield location, sett-up a small and temporary dog park in Palmer Park, and while continuously looking for a possible location

Moved: Kassakhian Seconded: Devine

Vote as Follows

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

9. HEARINGS

a. Community Development, re: 1326 N. Maryland Avenue: Consideration of Glendale Register Nomination and Request for a Mills Act Historic Property Contract

Hearing opened at 8:51 p.m. and closed at 9:08 p.m.

Presenting:
Jay Platt, Principal Planner

Public Comments:
Allan Durham
Allen Dish
Elizabeth Stasuc

1. Resolution 23-191 to designate the residential property at 1326 N. Maryland Avenue as a historic resource in the Glendale Register of Historic Resources, as the Wyman House, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a Mills Act Historical Property Contract with the property owner

Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

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

2. Motion to deny the request of the property owner to designate the residential property at 1326 N. Maryland Avenue as a historic resource in the Glendale Register of Historic Resources

10. REPORTS – INFORMATION

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBER FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

a. Councilmember Asatryan's Request for a Report Regarding Childcare Services for City Employees

Moved: Asatryan

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Councilmember Kassakhian's Request to Explore Litigation Against Citibank for its Secret Practice of Rejecting Credit Card Applications Because Applicants Had Armenian Surnames

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Asatryan

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

c. Councilmember Kassakhian's Request re: Translation Services for Council meetings

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Asatryan

Item approved without objection.

Public Comments:

Ramella Eraghi

Allen Dish

d. Councilmember Najarian's Request to Write a Letter to Jerusalem Leaders Regarding Recent Events in the Armenian Quarter of Jerusalem

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Kassakhian

Item approved without objection.

e. Councilmember Kassakhian's Request for a Report on Addressing Loopholes and Enforcement Issues Related to Short Term Rentals

f. Councilmember Kassakhian's Request to Schedule a Discussion During the 2024-25 Budget Process on Adding a State Misdemeanor Prosecution Unit to the City Attorney's Office

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Najarian

Item approved without objection.

g. Councilmember Kassakhian's Request for a Report on a Summary of the Agreements Governing the Americana at Brand

h. Mayor Brotman's Request for a Report on a Coyote Management Plan
Item is moved to next week's agenda.

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.

Aram Alajajian
Meline Melconian
Diana Galoostian
Paul Karapetian
Vartan Gharpetian
Allan Durham
Vahe Muradyan
Levon Aroyan
Ramella Eraghi
Peter Hebert
Allen Dish
Mary Cruz Moreno
Maria Hernandez
Maria Moreno
Jen Rosser
Tina Kurtluyan
Alex Hernandez
Giselle Reynoso
Jordan Henry

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT – 11:11 p.m.

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Najarian

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale