

MINUTES
GLENDAL CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
OCTOBER 8, 2024

ROLL CALL

- 1. CLOSED SESSION – 1:00 PM (To Commence at 3:00 PM)**
 - a. **Conference with Legal Counsel. Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One potential case**
 - b. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Najarian v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 24STCP02101; Claim of Najarian, No. 25-0009**
 - c. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators: City-designated negotiator: Bradley Calvert. Negotiating Party: Erik Khojoyan. Property: 1401 N. Verdugo Road. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms of payment for the lease of City-owned property**
 - d. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators: City-designated negotiator: Bradley Calvert. Negotiating Party: California Department of Transportation. Property: 1619 Cosmic Way, 1612 & 1620 Flower Street. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms of payment for the acquisition of property**
 - e. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager**
 - f. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Claim of Bristol West Insurance Co. (Caldwell), Claim No. 24-0444**
 - g. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Western Audio Visual, Inc. v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 22GDCV00295**
- 2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:13 PM**

Roll Call – Absent: Najarian

 - 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 October 8, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on October 4, 2024, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**
- 3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

There will be no regular meetings on October 15 but a Special City Council Meeting: City Hall in your Neighborhood at 6pm at Joe Bridges Clubhouse on Glenoaks Blvd.

Item 3e read next.
 - b. **Proclamation Designating October 6-12, 2024, as Public Power Week**

Manny Robledo, Interim General Manager of GWP
GWP Staff
 - c. **Proclamation designating the month of October 2024 as Filipino-American History Month**

Filipino American Business Association of Glendale
Incarnation Catholic Church Filipino Ministry

d. Proclamation Designating the month of October 2024, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Commission on the Status of Women

e. Proclamation Designating October 9, 2024, as Hangeul (Hangul) Day

Korean Consulate

Korean Glendale Sister Cities Association

Korean American Federation of LA

Hoover HS and GUSD

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 4c pulled for separate consideration.

a. City Clerk, re: Minutes of the Special City Council, Regular City Council, and Joint City Council and Housing Authority Meetings of October 1, 2024

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

b. Public Works, re: On-Call Fiber Optic Testing, Design, Installation, and Maintenance Services

1. Resolution 24-167 adopting the Specification for the On-Call Fiber Optic Testing, Design, Installation, and Maintenance Services, Specifications No. 3999; and directing the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

c. Public Works, re: Award of a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with LA Compost for Development of a Food Waste Community Composting Program

Public Comment:

Michael Martinez

Staff Comments:

Daniel Hernandez, Interim Director of Public Works

Etienne Ozorak, Integrated Waste Superintendent

1. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to execute a PSA with LA Compost for the development of a Food Waste Community Composting Program in the amount of \$230,250 for three years

Moved: Gharpetian

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

d. Public Works, re: Motion Awarding Contract for the View Crest Road Slope and Road Repair Project

1. Motion to award a construction contract to Clarke Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$2,220,586, approving a 15 percent contract contingency in the amount of \$333,088, and authorizing the City Manager or a designee to execute the contract

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 24-168 of appropriation to appropriate \$1,850,000 for the View Crest Road Slope and Road Repair Project

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

e. Public Works, re: Award of Construction Contract for On-Call Sewer and Storm Drain Repair Services

1. Motion to award a construction contract to W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc. for three-years for a “not-to-exceed” amount of \$1,200,000, with an option to extend the contract for an additional two-years in the amount of \$800,000 and authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to execute the contract

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 24-169 of appropriation to appropriate funds in the amount of \$950,000 for On-Call Sewer and Storm Drain Repair Services

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

f. Human Resources, re: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan

1. Resolution 24-170 approving employee and employer contributions to the IAFF Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

g. Public Works, re: Contract Award for 140 N. Isabel Building and Civic Center Parking Garage Stairways Painting Project, per Specification No. 3966

1. Motion authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with Astro Painting Co., Inc., for the 140 N. Isabel Building and Civic Center Parking Garage Stairways Painting Project in the amount of \$61,000, plus a 10% contingency of \$6,100

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

h. Community Services and Parks, re: Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds from the State of California, Employment Development Department for the Glendale Youth Alliance and the City of Burbank

1. Motion Accepting Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the State of California, Employment Development Department in the amount of \$768,853 from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, to enable the Verdugo Workforce Development Board to distribute those funds to the Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA) and the City of Burbank; Approving the award of WIOA grant funds to the GYA in the amount of \$623,353 from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and the City of Burbank in the amount of \$145,500 from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, as approved and recommended by the Verdugo Workforce Development Board; and Authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Gharpetian asked staff to look into community benefits programs, such as a relief program on utility bills; as the Monthly Housing Subsidy Program for extremely low income disabled senior renters has ended. He also mentioned that residents had requested speed bumps and not stop signs along Maple Park as he had mentioned previously. City Manager Roubik Golanian stated that staff will make corrections. Gharpetian invited the residents that he met at the Glenoaks HOA Community meeting to attend the City Hall in Your Neighborhood Meeting on October 15. He asked to proclaim the month of December as Family Celebration and Appreciation Month. Gharpetian asked staff to work with tenants on South of Colorado on Brand and Central and also the Armenian Church on how to move forward in getting digital signage.

Mayor Asatryan stated that she had a discussion with staff to bring back the Public Benefits Program to assist seniors with their utility bills. She attended the Armenian American Museum Inaugural Festival over the weekend and noted that over 4,000 people attended the event. Asatryan thanked staff for putting together the Women's Equality Day event. She thanked Caruso Affiliates for donating \$15,000 for future programming for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). She asked staff to pass on any survey results and participants' information to CSW for follow-up.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes; 5-Speaker Limit)

Per Mayor Policy, This Item Also Permits Speakers Wishing to Speak Under General Oral Communications, Subject to the Three Minute Time Limit. Discussion is Limited to Matters Not on the Agenda.

Rebecca Marnette

Allan Durham

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. Glendale Water and Power, re: Ordinance 6031 amending Section 13.44.425 of the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995, pertaining to the current Public Benefits Charge of 3.6% to the rate mandated by State law (Brotman, 10/01/24)**

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Management Services, re: Consideration for Adoption of Nonprofit Subsidy Policy

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Presenting:

John Takhtalian, Asst. City Manager

Public Comments:

Knarig Avedissian

Teni Allahverdian

Ani Ghazarian

1. Motion Adopting a Nonprofit Subsidy Policy for User Fees

Moved: Gharpetian

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 24-170 Deleting Certain Fees and Modifying Certain Existing Fees in Accordance to the Provisions Set by the Nonprofit Subsidy Policy, and Amending the Comprehensive Citywide Fee Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2024-25

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

9. HEARINGS

10. REPORTS - INFORMATION

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBER FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

a. Councilmember Brotman's Request to Discuss updating development standards to address illumination levels on private property

Item carried over to the November 5, 2024, Council Meeting.

b. Councilmember Brotman's Request to Consider different approaches for drive-through regulations, including updated development standards

Item carried over to the November 5, 2024, Council Meeting.

Public Comments:
Alek Bartrosouf
Shane Lee

Moved: Kassakhian Seconded: Brotman
Vote as Follows

Moved: Kassakhian Seconded: Gharpetian
Vote as Follows

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Gharpetian
Vote as Follows

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- b. Motion to resolve the lawsuit entitled Western Audio Visual, Inc. v. City of Glendale, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22GDCV00295 in exchange for a full release of all claims in the amount of \$85,000**

Moved: Gharpetian

Seconded: Kassakhian

Vote as Follows

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

15. ADJOURNMENT – 9:08 p.m.

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale