

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
DECEMBER 3, 2024

ROLL CALL – All Present

1. **CLOSED SESSION – 4:00 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: One potential case**
 - b. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager and City Attorney**

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is not anticipated. Council recessed to closed session at 4:01 p.m.

- 2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:02 PM**
Roll Call – Absent: Gharpetian (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
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 December 3, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on November 27, 2024, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.

- 3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**
- a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, December 10, 2024**
Asst. City Manager John Takhtalian provided the preview.

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- b. Glendale Water and Power, re: Application to State Water Resources Control Board for the Water Recycling Funding Program Grant**
1. Resolution 24-187 authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit a Water Recycling Funding Program Grant application for a grant amount of \$150,000, and further authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and submit all required documents related to said grant application
- Moved: Brotman Seconded: Gharpetian
- Vote as Follows
- Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

c. Public Works, re: Award of Construction Services Contract for On-Call Fiber Optic Testing, Design, Installation, and Maintenance Services

1. Motion awarding a construction services contract to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. for five-years for a “not-to-exceed” amount of \$3,500,000, and authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to execute the contract

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Gharpetian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 24-188 of appropriation to appropriate funds in the amount of \$600,000 for On-Call Fiber Optic Testing, Design, Installation, and Maintenance Services

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Gharpetian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmembers wished everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Gharpetian spoke about the Montrose Christmas Tree lighting event that happened last weekend. He toured fire stations #27 on Brand, #28 on La Crescenta, and #29 on Honolulu and said that these stations need renovation which is coming up soon. He asked staff for an update on his request to recognize the month of December as Family Celebration and Appreciation Month. City Manager Roubik Golanian stated that staff found little information on this but will come back sometime this month to provide a proclamation. Gharpetian asked staff to provide a report on the water and power rate increases. Golanian stated that the report on the water and electricity rate increases will be discussed by council in January 2025.

Councilmember Brotman suggested that the water and power rate increase discussion should be a Study Session.

Councilmember Kassakhian encouraged everyone to shop local for the holidays. He stated that when people shop in Glendale, some of that money comes back to the city and is used to provide services to the public. He invited the public to attend the Montrose Christmas parade this Saturday at 6pm. Kassakhian stated that one of the highlights of his entire time on council was the ribbon-cutting for the newly renovated children’s section of the Glendale Central Library. He encouraged everyone to go see what he considers the best children’s library section in Los Angeles County.

Mayor Asatryan thanked the Montrose Shopping Park Association (MSPA) for organizing the Montrose Tree Lighting Ceremony and Small Business Saturday. She invited everyone to check MSPA’s Instagram posts for future holiday events. Asatryan invited everyone to attend the Christmas tree lighting ceremony tomorrow at 6pm at Glendale City Hall Perkins

Plaza. She forwarded to staff ideas for a Christmas Town concept to create family-oriented programming as well as drive economic development. Asatryan announced that the water and power rate increase report and the Public Benefit Program will be discussed during next week's council meeting. Asatryan attended the first grand opening of a Glendale Dog Resort. She echoed Kassakhian's sentiments regarding the newly renovated children's library section at the Glendale Central Library. Asatryan requested staff to spruce up the back area of the children's library utilizing some of the public arts fund. She asked staff to provide a report and agendize a council discussion regarding the reaffirmation of the City of Glendale as a sanctuary jurisdiction.

City Manager Roubik Golanian invited the public to attend the Electric Car & Bike Guest Drive event at City Hall, this upcoming Saturday.

Mayor Asatryan provided commendations to city staff for saving the life of a pickleball player at the Pacific Community Center.

City Attorney Mike Garcia provided the 2nd verbal notification to council regarding the December 16th deadline for the boards and commissions nominations by the newly instituted panel system. Councilmember Najarian asked staff to agendize a council discussion for extending the nomination period to early next year.

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.

Tony Passarella

Council recessed at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened thereafter.

Gray James
Susan Jekarl
Andranik Zakaryan
Mike Mohill

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Ordinance 6032 Amending Section 1.04.020 of the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995, Relating to General Provisions, and Amending Section 9.28.020 Relating to Camping (Gharpetian, 11/19/24)

Moved: Gharpetian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Public Comments:

Shane Lee
Joseph Kaskanian

- b. Ordinance 6033 Amending Section 5.20.010 and Adding Section 5.20.110 of the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995, Relating to Sidewalk Vendor License (Gharpetian, 11/19/24)**

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Gharpetian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- c. Ordinances Amending Title 30 of the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995, (Case No. PZC- 0010-2024) and the Downtown Specific Plan (Case No. PGPA-003908-2024) Relating Generally to Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs) (Brotman, 11/19/24)**

Public Comments:

Shane Lee

Mike Mohill

Staff Comments:

Vista Ezzati, Principal Planner

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Yvette Neukian, Principal Asst. City Attorney

1. Ordinance 6034 Amending Title 30 Relating Generally to Standards for ADUs and JADUs

Moved: Gharpetian

Seconded: Najarian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Brotman

2. Ordinance 6035 Amending the Downtown Specific Plan Relating Generally to Standards for ADUs and JADUs

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Gharpetian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Brotman

3. Resolution 24-189 Making Findings That Certain Portions of Ordinance No. 5997 Complies with California Government Code Sections 66314, et seq. and 66333, et seq., Despite the Findings of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Which Findings Are Required Pursuant to California Government Code Section 66326 Prior to Re-adopting Those Portions of Ordinance No. 5997 Without Changes

Seconded: Najarian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Gharpetian, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Brotman

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. **Glendale Water and Power, re: Professional Services Agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc. for Engineering Services in Developing a Water Master Plan**

Presenting:

Chisom Obegolu, Assistant General Manager – Water

Public Comment:

Mike Mohill

1. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into and execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Arcadis U.S., Inc, for engineering services in developing a comprehensive Water Master Plan., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,196,892

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Brotman

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Gharpetian

b. Glendale Water and Power, re: Professional Services Agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to Conduct a Cost-of-Service Analysis (COSA) and Rate Study for the Water Division of City of Glendale Water & Power (GWP)

Staff Comment:

Chisom Obegolu, Assistant General Manager – Water

Public Comments:

Allan Durham

Mike Mohill

1. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into and execute a Professional Services Agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to conduct a Cost-of-Service Analysis (COSA) and Rate Study for the Water Division of GWP, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$235,006

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Najarian

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Brotman, Kassakhian, Najarian, Asatryan

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Gharpetian

- c. **Community Services and Parks, re: Wireless Telecommunications Facility Lease Agreement between the City of Glendale and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLS with address of 1880 Loma Vista Drive**

Presenting:

Onnig Bulanikian, Director of Community Services and Parks

1. Introduction of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into and execute a Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLS for the installation of a wireless telecommunication facility at City-owned property located with address of 1880 Loma Vista Drive, Glendale, CA 91208

Ordinance Introduced by: Najarian

Item moved to a future date.

- d. **City Attorney, re: Report on Rules for the Conduct of Council Meetings: Options for Oral Communications and Public Comment on Agenda Items; Matters Related to the Order of Business for Council Agendas; Rules Governing Council Deliberation and Debate; Discussion of Policy for Removing Items from Agenda after Publication; and Rules Governing Decorum and Removing Disruptive Individuals from Council Meetings**
1. Motion Providing Direction to Staff

9. HEARINGS

10. REPORTS – INFORMATION

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBER FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

- a. **Councilmember Gharpetian's Request to Agendize a Discussion of Appointment to a Commission Seat on the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Commission**

Staff Comment:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Public Comment:

Mike Mohill

- b. **Mayor Asatryan's Request for a Report on Programs to Assist Small Businesses and Restaurants Facing Steep Commercial Rent Increases**

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Public Comment:

Beth Brooks

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.

Randy Stevenson
Allen Dish

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT - 8:53 p.m.

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Brotman

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale