

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
AUGUST 9, 2022

ROLL CALL – All Present

- 1. CLOSED SESSION – 4:41 p.m.**
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: Dickinson v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 21STCV08281
 - b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager and City Attorney
 - c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure litigation pursuant to paragraph subdivisions (d)(2) and (e)(2) of Section 54956.9: One (1) potential case
 - d. Conference with real property negotiators: Property location – Real property generally located at the terminus of New York Avenue near Park Vista Drive, commonly referred to as “Mountain Oaks.” Negotiating parties: F.E. & M. Inc. Employee’s Defined Contribution Plan Trust dated July 10, 1984. Agency negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, Michael J. Garcia, Gillian van Muyden, John Takhtalian, Silvio Lanzas, Jason Bradford, Christine Powers and Onnig Bulanikian. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms for the acquisition of property
 - e. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: F.E. & M. Inc. Employee’s Defined Contribution Plan Trust dated July 10, 1984 v. City of Glendale et al., L.A.S.C. Case No. BS16989

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is anticipated on item 1a. Council recessed to Closed Session at 4:42 p.m.

- 2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:00 PM**

Roll Call – Absent: Najarian

 - a. Flag Salute: Mayor Kassakhian
 - b. Invocation: Aram Adjemian, Asst. City Clerk
 - c. Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on August 2, 2022 on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.
- 3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, August 16, 2022
Deputy City Manager John Takhtalian provided the preview.
- 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. Police Department, re: California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program, Request for Authorization to Accept Grant Funds in the amount of \$57,622 to be used for equipment and training for the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory

1. Motion authorizing acceptance of the 2021 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant and authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to execute the necessary agreements, certification, and other documents required to accept the Grant

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

2. Resolution 22-116 of Appropriation in the amount of \$57,622 in 2021 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant funds

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

b. Libraries, Arts, and Culture, re: Acceptance of grant funds for Public Librarian Diversity Residency Program from the California State Library

1. Motion accepting \$100,000 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program funds from the California State Library to enable Glendale Library, Arts & Culture (GLAC) to add two new unclassified Librarian positions under GLAC's Public Librarian Diversity Residency Program, and authorizing the City Manager or a designee to execute all agreements, amendments, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

2. Resolution 22-117 appropriating \$100,000 from the California State Library, Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant program and \$100,000 in matching funds to be appropriated from the Library Mitigation Fee Fund

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

c. Libraries, Arts, and Culture, re: Acceptance of Grant Funds for Community Connections Collaborative grant from the California State Library

1. Motion accepting \$71,257 in Community Connections Collaborative grant funds from the California State Library, which are being provided and administered by Califa Group, to enable the Director of Library, Arts and Culture to carry out the Community Connections Collaborative project and to add a part-time Community Resource

Specialist to connect the public with available social services; and authorizing the City Manager or a designee to execute all agreements, amendments, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

2. Resolution 22-118 appropriating \$71,257 from the California State Library

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

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

1. Motion to note and file Fiscal Year 2021-22 Audit Committee Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

2. Motion to note and file Fiscal Year 2022-23 Internal Audit Work Plan for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Council Member Asatryan met with different departments and staff and thanked them for their availability. She attended Concerts in the Park and the installation for the Modes of Resistance exhibit held at the Glendale Central Library. She requested that Library and Arts and Parks and Recreations departments coordinate the marketing for the summer concerts moving forward for residents to have one place to go to see the full staff. She also requested staff look into combining cultural events like the Comfort Women's Day already taking place with public facing live music and markets which celebrate and shed light on the diverse cultures in Glendale. Asatryan nominated Sona Tatiyants for the Commission on the Status of Women, Joseph Kaskanian for the Design Review Board, Marina Manoukian for CDBG Program, and Hagop Jack Mavyan for the Audit Committee. Asatryan asked staff for both a feasibility study as well as motion options to convert Lot 15 located on Orange between Wilson and California into a park in South Glendale which would cater to our residents in the

South Glendale and downtown area who currently have no nearby parks or green spaces. Asatryan noted this would be an extremely inexpensive way of utilizing our current city asset to add a much-needed park in the area. Devine seconded. Asatryan initiatives to add youth seats to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission and the Arts and Culture Commission. Brotman recommended to also add youth seats for the Transportation and Parking Commission. Asatryan agreed. Brotman seconded. Asatryan requested that staff provide a feasibility report and for the RFP the city plans to put out for a consultant for Lot 11 Dog park to also include a reconfiguration of the community gardens area at Palmer Park for the unused space to be converted into a dog park. Kassakhian seconded.

Council Member Brotman commended the Economic Development and the GWP departments for providing rich contents in their newsletters. He asked staff to provide a report to add back a certain language omitted in 2019 Boards and Commission Code and to also revisit term limits. Asatryan seconded. Mayor Kassakhian asked to provide a report on the appointment process for the Boards and Commissions. Brotman seconded.

Council Member Devine commended staff for a successful National Night Out event and thanked them for accompanying her in distributing the organic pails in several places.

Mayor Kassakhian announced that schools start next week and reminded the public to be more patient during drop-offs and pick-ups. He wished the students good luck and a successful academic year. He attended the screening of a documentary called the "Motherland," the Asian Hall of Fame event at the Alex Theatre, and the art exhibits at the Glendale Central Library. Kassakhian spoke about the pension review report which was discussed at the 2pm meeting earlier and asked to have another discussion at a regular council meeting. He asked staff to create a Civic Academy Program which will give residents a chance to have a deeper knowledge of the city and its operations. Devine seconded. He asked staff to bring back the Neighborhood Town Hall Meeting. Brotman seconded. Kassakhian asked staff to provide a brief report on the fiscal impact for the city paying the ballot statements of the candidates that ran this previous election cycle. Lastly, he asked council to adjourn in memory of Dr. Don Empey, a longtime deputy superintendent of the GUSD.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Tamara Movsesyan
Oscar Ramirez
Ramela Eraghi

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Glendale Water and Power, re: Glendale Water & Power (GWP) Energy Risk Management Policy and Trading Authority Policy

Presenting:
Howard Wong, Energy Risk Management

1. Motion approving amendments to the GWP Energy Risk Management Policy

Moved: Devine Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

2. Motion approving amendments to the GWP Trading Authority Policy

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

b. City Attorney, re: Review and Reconsideration of Temporary Cap on Fees Charged by Third-Party Food Delivery Applications

Staff Comment:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

1. Motion to Note and File

2. Resolution Repealing Resolution No 20-63 and Terminating the Emergency Public Order Imposing a Temporary Limit on Commission Fees Charged by Third-Party Delivery Applications on Businesses in Glendale

3. Motion Providing Direction to Staff

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

c. Police Department, re: Request regarding the acceptance of grant funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security 2021 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program

Staff Comment:

Carl Povilaitis, Police Chief

1. Resolution 22-120 to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,454,709 and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the award of funds under the FY21 UASI grant program

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Brotman

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 22-121 to dispense with competitive bidding and authorize the Deputy Director of Finance-Purchasing to issue a purchase order with Platinum Simulators Inc. for (1) the procurement of flight simulator equipment in an amount not to exceed \$209,000 for the initial purchase; and (2) thereafter, for the life of the equipment, if the funds for the continued maintenance, support, updates, upgrades, and licensing

of the simulator are appropriated within the Police Department's budget and approved by the City Council as part of the annual citywide budget process

Moved: Devine Seconded: Brotman

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

3. Resolution 22-122 to appropriate \$1,454,709 from the Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program grant revenue and \$34,150 from Asset Forfeiture Public Safety

Moved: Devine Seconded: Brotman

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

9. HEARINGS

10. REPORTS - INFORMATION

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. 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.

David Eisenberg
Claire Calderon
Elisa Dolenko
Michael Belzer
Edwin

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Motion to File a Petition for Writ of Mandate challenging the Superior Court's denial of the City's Motion for Summary Judgement, in the matter of Frances Dickinson v. City of Glendale, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV08281**

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Asatryan

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

14. ADJOURNMENT – 7:55 p.m.

Moved: Devine Seconded: Brotman