

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
AUGUST 23, 2022

ROLL CALL – Absent: Najarian

1. CLOSED SESSION – 3:07 p.m.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: Vardanyan, et al. v. City of Glendale, et al., L.A.S.C. Case No. 22STCV10992
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: Direct Shopping Network, LLC v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 20STCV49351
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 22STCP0011
- d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: Suarez v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 21STCV10222
- e. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: Sahakyan v. City of Glendale: 20STCV10204.
- f. Public Employee Appointment – Fire Chief
- g. Public Employee Appointment – Principal Assistant City Attorney
- h. Public Employment - Attorneys
- i. 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
- j. Conference with Labor Negotiators. The City-designated negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, Michael J. Garcia, John Takhtalian, Paula Adams, Aymee Martin, Jason Bradford, Carl Povilaitis, and Laura Kalty. The name of the employee organization is: Glendale Management Association

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is anticipated on items 1g and 1h. 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 Kassakhian
- b. Invocation: Suzie Abajian, City Clerk
- c. Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the August 23, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on August 17, 2022 on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, August 30, 2022**
Regular meetings of August 30 and September 6 are cancelled and will resume on September 13, 2022.

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 4a will be brought back at a later time.

a. City Clerk, re: Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of August 9, 2022 and August 16, 2022 and the Special City Council meeting of August 9, 2022

b. Management Services, re: 2022 League of California Cities Annual Conference

1. Motion to Designate Mayor Kassakhian as the Voting Delegate and Councilmember Asatryan as the Voting Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held September 7-9, 2022, in Long Beach

Moved: Devine Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Najarian stated he will wait to appoint his commissioners until council takes action on the issue of term limits for boards and commissions.

Councilmember Asatryan nominated Alex Fay for the GWP Commission, Lilya Avagyan for the Transportation and Parking Commission, and Cole Bazemore for the Sustainability Commission. Asatryan requested that the City Council's decision on item 9a of the City Council agenda on November 30, 2021 (certifying the final EIR and approving the mitigation monitoring and reporting program, conditional use permit and the special recreational permit for the Scholl bio gasoline renewable generation project) be agendaized for rescinding those approvals. Kassakhian seconded.

Councilmember Brotman read a statement regarding his decision on the Grayson Repowering Project during the previous council meeting.

During Mayor Kassakhian's biweekly office hours, several community members brought to his attention an issue regarding littering with cigarette butts across the city and specifically in areas such as Kenneth Village. He asked for a memo or an update to city council regarding the enforcement of the clean air ordinance. Kassakhian asked staff to look into maintaining the empty newsstands to keep the city as clean and orderly as possible.

City Manager Roubik Golanian announced the launching of a new land management system to assist with the inquiries, complaints and issues with the city's permitting process. Asst. Director Bradley Calvert provided a presentation.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Arlene Vidor
Michael Matsuda
Joey
Valentine

Kassakhian asked staff to provide a report for the Los Angeles Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Program and the possibility of starting our own program for the residents of Glendale. Devine seconded.

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Management Services, re: Consideration of Establishing a Sister City Relationship with the City of Martuni in the Republic of Artsakh

Presenting:

Christine Powers, Sr. Executive Analyst

Public Comments:

Edward Barsoumian

Tony Ordoukhanian

Preny Alaverdian

Mike Mohill

Ani Gharibian

1. Resolution 22-129 Establishing a Glendale Sister City Program with the City of Martuni in the Republic of Artsakh

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Public Works, re: Brand Boulevard Complete Streets Demonstration Project

Staff Comments:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Sarkis Oganessian, Deputy Director of PW

Pastor Casanova, Principal Traffic Engineer

Presenting:

Yazdan Emrani, Director of PW

Carlos Velasquez, KOA

Public Comments:

Alek Bartosouf

Cole Bazemore

Hannah Maximova

Mike Borisov

Lisa Kuta

Carrie Fields

Valentine

Eli Lester

Mike Mohill

Kristen Blod

Ani Gharibian

Von Bedikian

1. Motion recommending a quick-build alternative for the Brand Boulevard Complete

Streets Demonstration Project
Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Brotman
Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

c. Police Department, re: Allocation from the Board of State and Community Corrections, Request to Accept the Disbursement of \$1,000,000 as Approved by the Amended Budget Act of 2021

Staff Comment:
Alex Krikorian, Police Lt.

1. Motion to accept the disbursement of \$1,000,000 as approved by the amended Budget Act of 2021 that is to be allocated by the Board of State and Community Corrections

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

2. Resolution 22-130 of Appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000

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

d. Police Department, re: BJA FY22 Byrne Discretionary Grants Program

Staff Comment:
Catherine Nguyen, Laboratory Director

1. Motion authorizing acceptance of the BJA 2022 Byrne Discretionary Grants Program funds in the amount of \$700,000 and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the necessary agreements, certification, and other documents required to accept the Grant

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

2. Resolution 22-131 to appropriate \$700,000 in BJA 2022 Byrne Discretionary Grants

Program funds
Moved: Devine Seconded: Brotman
Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

3. Resolution 22-132 to dispense with competitive bidding and authorize the Deputy Director of Finance – Purchasing to issue a purchase order agreement with West Technology Forensics, Inc. in the amount of \$211,480

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

4. Resolution 22-133 to dispense with competitive bidding and authorize the Deputy Director of Finance – Purchasing to issue purchase order agreements with Life Technologies in the amount of \$2,500,000 and with QIAGEN, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000 over 5 years

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

e. Community Development, re: Resolution to Accept State of California Grant in the amount of \$8 Million for Rockhaven

Staff Comments:
Roubik Golanian, City Manager
Kevin Todd, Assistant Director of Public Works
Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Presenting:
Bradley Calvert, Asst. Director of CDD

Public Comments:
Barbara Knighton
Joanna Linkhorst

1. Resolution 22-134 authorizing the Director of Community Development or designee

to execute Grant Agreement GF2104-0 with the California Natural Resources Agency for Rockhaven Sanitarium in the amount of \$8 million

Moved: Devine Seconded: Brotman

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

2. Resolution 22-135 of Appropriation in the amount of \$8 million

Moved: Devine Seconded: Brotman

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

3. Motion directing staff to install super heavy duty vinyl tarps at the eleven Rockhaven structures

f. Community Development, re: Recommendations to Modify and Improve the Zoning Code and Entitlement Review Processes

Staff Comments:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager
Mike Garcia, City Attorney
Kristen Asp, Principal Planner

Presenting:

Bradley Calvert, Asst. Director of CDD

Public Comments:

Edward Azizian
Yervand Grigoryan
Cathy Jurca
Aren T
Valentine
Carrie Fields
Lisa Morrison

1. Motion Initiating Amendments to the Zoning Code to Address Improvements to the Design Review and Entitlement Process

Motion to eliminate the 4/5/6 rule pertaining to interior setbacks in residential zone, allow continuance of non-conforming design to allow replacements, when like-for-like in regards to material, design and dimensions are maintained, modify the code to eliminate the parking requirements for auto inventory for vehicle dealerships, and allow of concurrent review of design review, planning entitlements and building permit applications

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

Motion to allow larger additions to occur with non-conforming garages

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

Motion to review, with community input, the DRB process to improve efficiencies and provide more certainty to applicants and community members, including but not limited to a review of Design Review Board meetings and recommendations

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

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

Motion to modify the existing requirement for design review for building improvements visible from the street to make such requirement inapplicable to improvements to the rear 50 percent of an existing building and allow a second story addition at the rear 50 percent of a building through Administrative Design Review, provided the proposed addition is consistent in façade and style of the existing building and is not deemed historic or a historic contributor

Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Devine

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

2. Motion to Note and File

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.

Ramella Eraghi

Kassakhian asked staff to write a letter of support for an initiative by Congressman Adam

Schiff's office to rename the Glendale Central Post Office after Paul Ignatius, a retired government official. Najarian seconded.

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to appoint Edward Kang as Principal Assistant City Attorney for the City of Glendale

Moved: Najarian Seconded: Devine

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

b. Motion to enter into a retainer agreement to utilize the legal services of Greines Martin Stein & Richland (Timothy Coates) to represent the City in the appeal of Levon Sahakyan, et al. v. City of Glendale, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV29677 and Second Appellate District Case No. B319602 and to incur all necessary expenses in connection therewith

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

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

14. ADJOURNMENT – 11:21 p.m.

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale