

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

ROLL CALL – All Present

1. **CLOSED SESSION** – 3:55 p.m.
 - a. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 22STCP0011**
 - b. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation: Claim of Berman, Claim No. 22-0178**

Item 1b removed from calendar. City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is not anticipated. Council recessed to Closed Session at 3:56 p.m.

2. **REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA** – 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call – Absent: Brotman (entered at 6:06 p.m.)

 - a. **Flag Salute: Mayor Kassakhian**
 - b. **Invocation: Suzie Abajian, City Clerk**
 - c. **Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the September 27, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on September 22, 2022 on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

3. **PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. **Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

Regular meetings have been cancelled and will resume on October 11, 2022.
- b. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation**

Diane Lambillotte
- c. **Proclamation regarding Philippine History Month Cultural Celebration**

Filipino-American Business Association of Glendale
- d. **Legislative Update: Senator Anthony Portantino**
- e. **Appointment of Board and Commission (Brotman, 9/20/22)**
 1. Chris Lowery, Glendale Water and Power Commission

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

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 4e pulled for separate consideration.

a. City Clerk, re: Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of September 20, 2022 and the Special City Council meeting of September 20, 2022

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

b. Glendale Water and Power, re: Plans and Specifications for the Emerald Isle 1666 Tank and Glendale Recycled Water Tank Rehabilitation Project

1. Resolution 22-138 adopting Specification No. 3934 and Plan No. 6960-E for Emerald Isle 1666 Tank and Glendale Recycled Water Tank Rehabilitation Project, and directing the City Clerk to advertise for bids

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

c. Libraries, Arts, and Culture, re: Library, Arts and Culture, re: Poet Laureate Pilot Program Recommendation

1. Motion approving the City to pilot a Poet Laureate Program

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

2. Resolution 22-139 of appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to support the Poet Laureate Program for FY 22-23

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

d. Human Resources, re: Acceptance of Grant Funds for Employment Training from the Professional Development Center of Glendale Community College

1. Motion accepting \$500,000 in State of California grant funds which are being provided and administered by the Professional Development Center of Glendale Community College, to enable employment training for full-time City of Glendale employees

Abstain: None

Abstain: None

Abstain: None

Abstain: None

3. Resolution 22-143 of appropriation for grant funded tree planting and maintenance
Moved: Devine Seconded: Asatryan
Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

f. City Manager, re: Cancellation of October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting and Adding October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting to the Council Calendar for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year

1. Motion Modifying City Council Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year
Moved: Najarian Seconded: Brotman
Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

g. Police Department, re: 2022-2023 Grant from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, for distracted driving, Vehicle Code, bicycle, pedestrian, and driving under the influence violations

1. Motion to approve the Glendale Police Department's participation in the State of California Office of Traffic Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$285,000
Moved: Najarian Seconded: Devine
Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Devine invited the public to see the exhibition called "Paper Cuts," at the Brand Park Library. She congratulated Peter Rusch and company for the wonderful documentary they put together for the Doctor's House at Brand Park. Devine also congratulated all the volunteers and staff who put together the successful "Touch the Truck" event.

Councilmember Najarian attended the Trespassing & Suicide Prevention Summit by Metrolink. He stated that the city is in line to receive a grant to do the first phase of the right of way improvement for the railroad crossing along San Fernando Corridor and Doran Street.

Councilmember Brotman asked staff to agendize "slow streets phase 3 and bicycle detection technology report." Kassakhian seconded.

Mayor Kassakhian attended several events including the 75th Anniversary of Montrose's Search and Rescue and the screening of the 100th Anniversary of the Burning of Smyrna held by the American Hellenic Council.

City Manager Roubik Golanian announced that the Metropolitan Water District's emergency pipeline repairs have concluded. Chief Assistant General Manager Michael De Ghetto provided a brief update. Mayor Kassakhian thanked the residents who responded to the urgent request to avoid watering their landscapes.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Mike Mohill
Karen Kwak
Andranik
Ramella Eraghi

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Community Development, re: Adoption of a Moratorium on New and Conversion of Existing Drive-through Waiting Lanes

Najarian recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Presenting:
Kristen Asp, Principal Planner

Staff Comment:
Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Public Comments:
Alek Bartrosouf
Karen Kwak
Sean Abajian
Kyle
Tom O'Shaughnessy
Cathy Jurca
Ani Gharibian
Brian Zentmyer
Monica Campagna

1. Interim Urgency Ordinance 5994 Prohibiting Developments with New and Conversion of Existing Drive-through Waiting Lanes Citywide Without Pipeline Project Exemption (Brotman, 9/20/22)

Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Brotman

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Najarian (recused)

2. Interim Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting Developments with New and Conversion of Existing Drive-through Waiting Lanes Citywide With Pipeline Project Exemption (Devine, 9/20/22)

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Glendale Water and Power, re: Programming to Incentivize Water Reductions

Presenting:

Michael De Ghetto, Chief Assistant General Manager

Staff Comments:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Public Comment:

Ramella Eraghi

Brotman stated that the cost of pumping water uphill to North Glendale is being subsidized by water rates at the expense of South Glendale. He asked staff to look into incorporating the cost of pumping water uphill to North Glendale in our water rates. Kassakhian seconded.

1. Motion to Note and File Report on the Success of Glendale Water & Power's (GWP) Water Conservation Programs

Moved: Asatryan

Seconded: Brotman

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Motion directing staff relating to the allocation of Water funds for additional programs

9. HEARINGS

a. Community Development, re: Appeal of Design Review Board's approval of DRB Case No. PDR2105697 for 420 Nesmuth Road

Hearing opened at 8:26 p.m. and closed at 9:26 p.m.

Najarian recused himself due to a possible conflict of interest and left the Chambers at 8:53 p.m. He returned to the chambers at 9:30 p.m.

Presenting:

Aileen Babakhani, Planner

Staff Comment:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Public Comments:

Joseph Ashby, Appellant

Nicola Montuschi, Appellant

Annette Shirinian, Appellant

Garo Nazarian, Applicant

Alfred Babayans, Applicant

1. Motion to sustain the Design Review Board's decision and approve the project
Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Devine
Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Kassakhian
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Najarian (recused)

2. Motion to reverse the Design Review Board's decision and deny the project
3. Motion to remand the project to the Design Review Board for consideration

b. Community Development, re: Public Hearing on Appeals of Design Review Board's approval of Design Review Board Case No. 2101078 located at 1633 Victory Boulevard

Hearing opened at 9:32 p.m. and closed at 11:35 p.m.

Presenting:
Dennis Joe, Senior Planner

Staff Comment:
Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Public Comments:
Anand Desai, Appellant
Philip Marks, Appellant
Gaurang Mehta
Amy Gubler
Adreg Khodaverdian
Artur Arutunian
Ashot Baghdasaryan
Artem Evans
Hrach Hovhanesyan
Ani Megerdichian
Nancy Delgadillo
Suzy Krboyan
Michael Avanessian
Jacklin Boyadjian
Robert
Art Ovanessian
Artine Simiryan
Isabelle Davidian
Alfred Bagryan
Joanne Hedge
Vazgen Baghdasaryan

1. Motion to sustain the Design Review Board's decision to adopt the subsequent mitigated negative declaration and to approve the Design Review application with conditions

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: Brotman, Devine

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Motion to sustain the Design Review Board's decision to adopt the subsequent mitigated negative declaration and to approve the Design Review application with amended conditions
3. Motion to continue the matter, directing the City Attorney to draft findings reversing the Design Review Board's decision and denying the project

c. Community Development, re: Extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 5978 Prohibiting Issuance of Entitlement and/or Permits for Hotels in the Downtown Specific Plan Area of the City

Hearing opened at 12:08 a.m. and closed at 12:09 a.m.

Staff Comment:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

1. Introduction of Ordinance Extending, for an Additional One Year Period, Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 5978 Prohibiting Issuance of Entitlements and/or Permits for Hotel Development Projects in the Downtown Specific Plan Area

Introduced by: Brotman

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.

13. NEW BUSINESS

1. ADJOURNMENT – 12:12 a.m.

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Najarian

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale