

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
OCTOBER 25, 2022

ROLL CALL – All Present

- 1. CLOSED SESSION – 3:24 p.m.**
 - a. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Dickinson v. Izadi, et al., L.A.S.C. Case No. 21STCV08281**
 - b. **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**
 - c. **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, John Takhtalian, Michael J. Garcia, Gillian van Muyden, Bradley Calvert, Jason Bradford and Onnig Bulanikian. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms for the acquisition of property**
 - d. **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**
 - e. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation - Claim of Berman, Claim No. 22-0178**

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is anticipated on 1E. Council recessed to Closed Session at 3:26 p.m.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:05 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 October 25, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, November 1, 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. **City Clerk, re: Minutes of the Regular City Council and Joint City Council and Housing Authority Meetings of October 18, 2022**

Abstain: None

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with just fencing and as part of the RFP for long term design. Brotman seconded.

Councilmember Devine congratulated staff for a successful Glendale Tech Week. She announced that it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She, together with the Mayor attended an award ceremony that Assemblymember Friedman held at Laura's Corset Shoppe located along Brand Blvd. This shop has existed for 100 years. The shop provides service to patients and survivors of breast cancer. Devine attended the Burbank State of the City Luncheon and had learned about the City of Burbank Police Department's drivers' education program. She indicated that once our city has a new police chief, City Manager Roubik Golanian and staff will meet with Burbank PD and City Manager to see how the drivers' education program works and how it could be implemented in Glendale. Devine indicated that GUSD Superintendent Dr. Ekchian and one of the GUSD Board Members are excited about the possibility of collaborating with the city to bring back a drivers' education program in the future. Mayor Kassakhian seconded.

Councilmember Brotman re-nominated Sevana Zadorian for the Arts and Culture Commission.

Councilmember Najarian stated he was a speaker for the Valley Industry & Commerce Association Panel on the Future of Transportation and met with one of the principals of BYD, the bus company that will hopefully give the city an electric bus to test out. He spoke about the recent climate news and indicated that the almost 10-years of efforts by the state to reduce automobile and power plant emissions was wiped out in one summer as a result of fires in California. He asked staff to reassess the sustainability plan and bring this issue to the Sustainability Commission. He suggested that the city put more emphasis on wildfire suppression and asked staff for a report on how the city can address this issue. Asatryan seconded.

Mayor Kassakhian attended the Harvest Festival event in Pacific Park, One Glendale Flag Football Championship Game, the tour of Rockhaven Sanitarium with the Friends of Rockhaven, and Glendale Tech Week events. He announced that the movie "Gate to Heaven," about Artsakh, is being shown at the AMC theatre at the Americana. Kassakhian attended the renaming of the Wilson Middle School gym after former principal Mr. Richard Lucas. He announced that Dia De Los Muertos event is coming up at the Glendale Central Library on November 5th and invited the public to attend. Kassakhian stated that Governor Newsom appointed former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa as the infrastructure advisor to lead the group of local leaders to find out how to take advantage of the funds that the federal government is allocating for infrastructure programs. Kassakhian asked staff to see if there is an opportunity for staff to work with neighboring cities on projects of common interests and to have a discussion on prioritizing infrastructure requests to be submitted to Mr. Villaraigosa's office. Asatryan seconded. Kassakhian commented on the emails council received regarding street vendors and asked staff to provide a report on imposing certain regulations. Asatryan seconded.

Director of Community Development Bradley Calvert provided a brief update on the city's housing element plan which will be agenzized for the Housing Authority meeting in the upcoming weeks.

Mayor Kassakhian asked staff to have the first "Council in your Neighborhood" meeting to be held at the Rancho area to discuss the preservation of the character of the community due to the projects being developed around that area. City Manager Roubik Golanian stated

that staff will put a schedule together to set-up a meeting for early next year.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Tamara Movsesyan
Ani Vartabedian
Edwin

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Community Development, re: Review of Recommendations for Streamlining the Historic District Designation Process

Presenting:
Jay Platt, Principal Planner

Staff Comments:
Mike Garcia, City Attorney
Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

Public Comments:

John Schuning
Damian Sullivan
Lilya Avagyan
John Schwab-Sims
Joanna Pringle
Annet Arakelian
Cathy Jurca
Patrick Masihi
Ani Vartabedian
Robyn Fai
Taron Lizagub
Carol Attarian
Ani Minatsakhanian

1. Motion to approve recommendations related to streamlining the historic district designation process and initiate amendments to Glendale Municipal Code Section 30.25.030

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Item 8b pulled off the agenda.

b. Glendale Water and Power, re: Solar Energy on City Owned Properties – Report to File, and to Authorize the General Manager of GWP to Issue an RFP using Engineer- Procure-Construct (EPC) Method for Six Proposed Project Sites

- c. City Attorney, re: Findings regarding Approval of Design Review Case No. PDR 2101078 for a three-story, 82-room hotel at 1633 Victory Boulevard**

1. Resolution 22-157 Adopting a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Abstain: None

- Abstain: None

a. **Community Development, re: Public Hearing on an Appeal of Planning Commission's Decision to Sustain the Planning Hearing Officer's Approval of Setback and Standards Variance Case No. PVAR 1722701 for the Project Site Located at 521 Nolan Avenue**

Staff Comments:
Mike Garcia, City Attorney
Yazdan Emrani, Director of Public Works

Alexander Jackson, appellant
David DiJulio, Counsel
Rodney Khan, applicant
Amy Newborn
Tiffany Borland
Ani Vartabetian
Alen Malekian, architect
Matilda Hartounian

- Moved: Asatryan
Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Brotman (recused)

- b. Community Development, re: Extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 5994 Prohibiting Developments with New and Conversion of Existing Drive-through Waiting Lanes Citywide**

Hearing opened and closed at 10:04 p.m.

- Kassakhian asked staff to provide a report to review an intersection of Isabel and Broadway to be name in memory of Sadeo Munemori. Devine seconded.

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion is Limited to Items NOT a Part of this Agenda. 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

a. Motion to approve the Claim for Damages of Rebecca Berman

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Najarian

Abstain: None

14. ADJOURNMENT – 10:05 p.m.

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Brotman

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale