

A G E N D A
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
JANUARY 24, 2023

ROLL CALL – All Present

- 1. CLOSED SESSION – 3:02 p.m.**
 - a. 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**
 - b. Conference with real property negotiators. City negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, John Takhtalian, Bradley Calvert, Jason Bradford, Michael J. Garcia, Soua Vang, and Gillian van Muyden. Property location: 212 and 216 S. Brand Blvd. Negotiating Parties: Museum of Neon Art. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms for the lease of property**

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is not anticipated. Council recessed to closed session at 3:03 p.m.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:00 PM

Roll Call – All Present

- a. Flag Salute: YMCA Delegates**
- b. Invocation: Suzie Abajian, City Clerk**
- c. Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was posted on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, January 31, 2023**
Asst. City Manager John Takhtalian provided the preview.

Item 3c read next.

- b. Youth & Government Bill Hearing Night presented by Glendale YMCA and Foothills YMCA**
- c. Commendation for Senior Park Services Manager Chris Peplow**

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 Meeting of January 10, 2023 and Special City Council Meetings of January 17, 2023

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Public Works, re: Glendale Transportation Center Renovations Project

1. Resolution 23-06 adopting Plans and Specification No. 3926 for the Glendale Transportation Center Renovation Project and directing the City Clerk to advertise for bids

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

c. Public Works, re: Central Library Children and Youth Services Renovation Project, Specification No. 3888

1. Resolution 23-07 adopting Plans and Specifications No. 3888 for the Central Library Children and Youth Services Renovation Project and directing the City Clerk to advertise for bids

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Motion authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 8001171 with Johnson Favaro, increasing the contract amount by \$238,420, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$562,420, and authorizing City Manager or his designee to execute the amendment

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Brotman said the he wanted to wish everyone a Happy Chinese New Year, but this happy occasion has been marred by the mass shootings in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay and his heart goes out to the families of the victims.

Brotman attended a training of trainers session organized by Glendale CERT and Sparr Heights Connect and Prepare called "Map your Neighborhood." The goal was to provide a tool that would help neighborhoods be better prepared for disasters. In addition to the

training, Councilmembers had the opportunity to hear a presentation by Glendale resident Isabel Myer, who has extensive experience and knowledge of this topic. The Council also heard from representatives of the Santa Monica Mountain Resource Conservation District who spoke about how to make homes more fire resistant and how to access resources that are free to the public including wildfire home evaluation, defensible space landscape designs, community trading training and others. Brotman asked staff to provide a report on how to bring these trainings and resources to the larger Glendale community. Asatryan seconded.

Brotman stated that he would like to see how the building electrification ordinance can be extended to major remodels and how the city can support retrofits of the existing building stock. He indicated that there's a lot of funds in the Inflation Reduction Act and he would like the funds to be used for a program for residents doing major remodels to swap-out gas appliances for electric ones. Asatryan asked if the request can be clarified, and City Manager Golanian stated the existing ordinance covers new construction and there is no demarcation line as to what percentage of remodeling constitutes a requirement to have electric appliances. Brotman stated that he would like to have a discussion with Council to clarify what constitutes a major remodel. Asatryan seconded.

Councilmember Najarian indicated that although it is great to have new proposals presented to Council, he wants to make sure that it does not jump over long-standing requests he made. City Manager Roubik Golanian indicate that there will be an upcoming City Council workshop and one of the items for discussion is to have an equitable system for addressing requests from councilmembers.

Councilmember Asatryan relayed her condolences and words of support to those impacted by the tragedy in Monterey Park. She stated that "regardless of where acts of violence occur it rocks all of us." Asatryan would like to have the City launch a continuous campaign that would inform the public about mental health services available for community members. Asatryan thanked the Police and Fire Chiefs and City Manager Golanian for reaching out to the City of Monterey Park to offer support.

Councilmember Devine joined her colleagues in sending her condolences to the families of the victims of the Monterey Park shooting. She asked members of the public to reach out to anyone who they know, who has anger issues or mental health issues, to get them the help that they need. Additionally, she spoke about the need for stronger gun control legislation. She also thanked Public Works staff for all they did during the recent rain storms.

Councilmember Najarian also offered his condolences for the families of the victims of the Monterey Park shooting. He stated that the shooter at Monterey Park had been in contact with law enforcement for some time and they were aware that he had been displaying signs of mental instability. He wondered what more could have been done to address his mental health issues. He asked that the City of Glendale take a more proactive approach for these types of scenarios and do welfare checks and whatever it takes to prevent such mass shootings from happening - keeping in mind that this is a complex issue with no simple solution.

Mayor Kassakhian echoed his colleagues and their comments regarding the tragedy that happened in the City of Monterey Park and extend his condolences to the families of the victims and to the residents of the communities who have been rocked by this senseless act of violence. Kassakhian made a call for people to come together across partisan lines to try

and find a common solution. He stated that preventing these sorts of tragedies is not just about gun laws, legislation, and universal background checks but also about mental health. He asked staff to look into bringing back the “Gun Buy Back Program” and other programs that turn donated guns into other objects like garden tools. Asatryan second.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Tamara Movsesyan
Lusik Gayaryan
Mike Mohill
Joanna Linkhorst
Edwin
Catherine Jurca

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Community Development, re: California Energy Commission’s California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program grant in the amount of \$80,000 to support Glendale’s incorporation of SolarAPP+ into the Land Management System**

Staff Comments:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager
Miroslav Lhotsky, Building Official

Presenting:

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

Public Comment:

Kate Unger

Brotman asked staff to provide a report to lift the 110% cap of energy usage of the installed solar energy system and 1 Megawatt for maximum system size for large solar energy systems. Asatryan seconded.

1. Motion authorizing the Director of Community Development or designee to execute Grant Agreement with the California Energy Commission for the California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program in the amount of \$80,000

Moved: Asatryan

Seconded: Brotman

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 23-08 of Appropriation in the amount of \$80,000

Moved: Asatryan

Seconded: Brotman

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Glendale Water and Power, re: Scholl Canyon Landfill Biogas Renewable Generation Project

Staff Comments:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Presenting:

Mark Young, General Manager of GWP

Charity Schiller, Best Best & Krieger, LLP

Public Comments:

Jackie Gish

Marie Freeman

Owen Lewis

Mike Mohill

Joanna Pringle

Audry Zarokian

Jeremy Neddleman

Jack Walworth

Linda Pillsbury

Rick Marquis

Marla Nelson

Eileen Hatrick

Jordan Henry

Ramella Enaghi

Allen Dish

Alexander Barry

Priscilla Casha

Hans Johnson

Mike Borisov

Mary Fischer

Tom Ettinger, Project Manager II (Stantec)

Karl Lany, Senior Principal, District Manager (Montrose Environmental Solutions)

1. Resolution 23-09 dispensing with competitive bidding and authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to issue a Full Notice To Proceed (FNTF) to Western Energy Systems, a division of Pen Power Group, LLC (WES) for the sale of Power Island Major Equipment (PIME) and services for the Biogas Renewable Generation Project and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 with WES' existing contract with the City relating to the PIME, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$19,364,855 plus a Ten percent (10%) contingency in the amount of \$1,936,486

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: Asatryan

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Engineer-Procure-Construct (EPC) Contract with ACCO Engineered Systems Inc. (ACCO) for the engineering, design and construction of the Biogas Renewable Generation Project at the Scholl Canyon Landfill, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$45,800,200, plus a Ten percent (10%) contingency in the amount of \$4,580,020

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: Asatryan

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an Amendment to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 8000053 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) to increase the contract amount by \$235,000 to provide supplemental professional environmental services for the Scholl Canyon Biogas Renewable Generation Project, for a new contract not to exceed amount of

\$1,668,582

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: Asatryan

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Line Extension Contract with the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), in an amount no to exceed \$100,000, for construction of natural gas piping and a meter set assembly related to the Biogas Renewable Generation Project

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: Asatryan

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to the existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 8001391 with Worley Group, Inc. (Worley) to add the sum of \$1,100,000 for Owner's Engineering and Project management services related to the Biogas Renewable Generation Project, for a new contract not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: Asatryan

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. Resolution 23-10 of appropriation

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: Asatryan

Absent: None

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.

Allen Dish
Herbert Molano
Karen Kachler

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. ADJOURNMENT – 10:54 p.m., in memory of the victims of the mass shooting in the City of Monterey Park

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Devine

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale