

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

ROLL CALL – Absent: Devine

1. CLOSED SESSION – 3:47 p.m.

- a. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Leeper v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. BC708092**
- b. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Muradyan v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 21STCV22558**
- c. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners' Association v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 22STCP00114**
- d. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Nadimyan v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 19STCV29013**

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is not anticipated. Council recessed to closed session at 3:49 p.m.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:07 PM

Roll Call – Absent: Devine

- a. **Flag Salute: Mayor Kassakhian**
- b. **Invocation: Associate Pastor Stephanie Rice of First United Methodist Church**
- c. **Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on February 8, 2023 on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, February 21, 2023**
Regular meetings have been cancelled and will resume on February 28, 2023.

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. Finance, re: Designation of Authorized Representatives for FEMA and Cal OES Disaster Assistance

- 1. Resolution 23-14 to designate City Manager, Director of Finance & Information Technology, and Deputy Director of Finance as authorized representatives to apply and obtain disaster assistance from FEMA and Cal OES when major disasters strike

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

Abstain: None

b. Information Technology Department, re: Appropriation of Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant funds to provide a comprehensive conceptual broadband design plan for the Unserved and Underserved Communities in the City of Glendale

1. Motion accepting \$497,638 in Local Agency Technical Assistance grant funds from the California Public Utilities Commission for development of design engineering to provide a comprehensive conceptual design plan to provide broadband service to the unserved and underserved households and businesses in the City of Glendale

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 23-15 of Appropriation

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

Abstain: None

c. Public Works, re: Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for On-Call Engineering Services

1. Motion authorizing the City Manager or a designee to enter into and execute Professional Services Agreements (PSA) for a duration of three years from the date of the contract execution with an option to extend the contract for an additional two-year term, with the firms and in the amounts as listed below:
 - a. David Evans and Associates, Inc., Parsons Transportation Group Inc., and Psomas, to provide On-Call Professional Civil Engineering Services, \$730,000 each for an initial three years and \$730,000 each for an optional additional two-year extension
 - b. MNS Engineers, Inc., and Psomas, to provide On-Call Professional Land Surveying Services, \$350,000 each for an initial three years and \$350,000 each for an optional additional two-year extension
 - c. Advantec Consulting Engineers, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., and KOA Corporation, to provide On-Call Professional Traffic Engineering Services, \$500,000 each for an initial three years and \$500,000 each for an optional additional two-year extension
 - d. Nabih Youssef & Associates, to provide On-Call Professional Structural Engineering Services, \$300,000 for an initial three years and \$300,000 for an optional additional two-year extension
 - e. Ninyo & Moore, RMA Group, and Twining, Inc., to provide On-Call Professional Geotechnical, Soil Engineering, and Material Testing Services, \$255,000 each for an initial three years and \$255,000 each for an optional additional two-year extension
 - f. Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., MARRS Services, Inc., and NV5, Inc., to provide On-Call Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services, \$500,000 each for an initial three years and \$500,000 each for an optional additional two-year extension

- g. NV5, Inc., to provide On-Call Professional Land Development Plan Review Services, \$300,000 for an initial three years and \$300,000 for an optional additional two-year extension
- h. Psomas, to provide On-Call Professional GIS Services, \$200,000 for an initial three years and \$200,000 for an optional additional two-year extension

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmembers wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilmember Asatryan asked staff for a report on providing financial assistance to residents who are struggling to pay their electricity bills. She also asked if GWP can work together with SoCal Gas to come up with a plan for not shutting-off gas for residential properties that are late or unable to pay their bills. She inquired whether SoCal Gas had payment plans to assist residents with their gas bills. City Manager Roubik Golanian explained that the City of Glendale has no jurisdiction over SoCal Gas Company and their operations but staff can provide a report on how the City might be able to help its low income residents with their GWP bills. He also mentioned that the City currently has financial assistance programs for seniors. Asatryan emphasized the importance of addressing this issue by having additional programs that would assist a larger portion of the population with the recent spike in prices and asked for a staff report. Kassakhian seconded.

Councilmember Brotman announced that the City will terminate the Local State of Emergency Pertaining to COVID-19, effective February 28, 2023. He stated that his long-term approach in assisting low-income residents with their gas bill is to find ways to replace their gas appliances for electric ones, which will reduce their cost over time and would also be a healthier option.

Mayor Kassakhian stated that a couple of residents complained to him about the street lighting situation and an increase in larceny at the 2900 block of Piedmont. He asked staff to look into improving the lighting in that area to make it safer. He also mentioned that he attended the Metropolitan Water District board meeting where climate change was discussed.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Marisol Espinoza, SoCal Gas

Edith Fuentes

Herbert Molano

Dan Morhaim, M.D.

Tom O'Shaughnessy

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Public Works, re: Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installation Phase 2 Project

Presenting:

Pastor Casanova, Principal Traffic Engineer

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

1. Motion awarding a construction contract to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$1,568,775, approving a 15 percent contingency in the amount of \$235,316, rejecting all other bids, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 23-16 of appropriation to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,960,969 for the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installation Phase 2

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: Devine

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.

Karen Kwak

Steve Dunwoody

Liz Radley

Kassakhian asked staff to provide a report on an MOU and utilize the City of Glendale resources to police a strip of land by the Riverside Rancho area that belongs to the City of Los Angeles that is adjacent to Glendale and the riverbank of Los Angeles. Asatryan and Brotman seconded.

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. ADJOURNMENT – 7:12 p.m.

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Najarian

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale