## MINUTES

# GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

# 613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206 MARCH 21, 2023

## **ROLL CALL –** All Present

- **1. CLOSED SESSION** 3:42 p.m.
  - a. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation: Nadimyan v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 19STCV29013
  - b. Public Employment Assistant City Attorney
  - c. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation: Claim of Grigoryan, Claim No. 23-0142

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is anticipated. Council recessed to closed session at 3:44 p.m.

#### 2. **REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA** – 6:03 PM

Roll Call – All Present

- a. Flag Salute: AYSO Glendale 14U Boys Soccer Team
- b. Invocation: Suzie Abajian, City Clerk
- c. Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Asst. City Manager John Takhtalian provided the preview.

Item 1c added and read next.

b. Appointment of Stephen Ryfle to the Los Angeles County Vector Control Commission (Kassakhian, 03/07/23)

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

 Commendation for the AYSO – Glendale 14UB Boys Soccer Team Glendale Region 88

Coach Adam Coppersmith and Assistant Coach Elijah Wasson

## 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 March 7, 2023

Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Brotman

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

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# b. Fire Department, re: Annual Weed Abatement Program for 2023

1. Resolution 23-26 declaring that noxious weeds on certain properties are a public nuisance; that the City intends to cause abatement by removal; that a hearing will be held on March 28, 2023 for objections to removal

Moved: Asatrvan Seconded: Brotman

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

- c. Glendale Water and Power, re: Amendment of the Agreement with CDM Constructors, Inc. for the Operation and Related Engineering Services for the Glendale Operable Unit for an Additional Five-Year Term
  - Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute annual amendments with CDM Constructors, Inc., extending the existing agreement for the operation and related engineering services for the Glendale Operable Unit, for annual terms, for a total of five years

Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Brotman

Ayes: Asatryan, Brótman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

- d. Community Services and Parks, re: Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation (SAEEI) for the Verdugo Workforce Development Board (VWDB) and the Early Care Education Pathways to Success (ECEPTS)
  - 1. Motion to Accept funds from the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation Grant (SAEEI) in the amount of \$592,000 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 to implement the expansion of Early Care & Education Registered Apprenticeship program; Approve the award of SAEEI grant funds to the ECEPTS program, a project of The Tides Center, in the amount of \$532,800 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 and to College & Career Engagement LLC, in the amount of \$10,000 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, as approved and recommended by the Verdugo Workforce Development Board (VWDB); Authorize the City Manager, or a designee, to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding

Moved: Asatrvan Seconded: Brotman

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

# 5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Brotman announced the groundbreaking for Glendale's largest affordable housing project, located at 515 Pioneer. The housing project will be for families and individuals earning between 30%-80% of the Los Angeles County Area Median Income. The housing project has a total of 337 units, with 245 of units for families and 92 units for seniors. He indicated that it would take up to three years to have all the units occupied. Brotman stated

that the city does have two additional housing projects, Harrower Village and Citrus Crossing housing, that have already broken ground.

Councilmembers Devine and Najarian attended the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority meeting and announced that the airport will be renovating a passenger terminal. Devine stated that the architectural design photos of the proposed airport renovation can be seen in the Glendale City Hall lobby, and she invited the public to cast their vote on one of the three designs. Devine nominated Tom O'Shaughnessy for the Audit Committee.

Councilmember Asatryan stated that it was brought to her attention that a year and a half ago, Council adopted a policy regarding the appointment of mayorship. Because of the biproduct of that policy, Asatryan was made aware that she would not be mayor during her first nor second term. Asatryan said there has not been a councilmember in recent history who has not had the opportunity to serve as mayor during their term. She indicated there was only one womancouncilmember in the history of the City of Glendale who did not serve as mayor, and no one knows the details of why. Asatryan also found out that there is a separate resolution that notes that the appointment of the housing authority chair dictates the next mayor. She stated that she should have been made aware regarding these policies by staff, but Asatryan found out through a casual conversation from a friend. The meeting for the selection of the next mayor is scheduled for April 4 and the meeting for the selection of the housing authority chair will be on April 11. Asatryan said that unfortunately, this does not give enough time to revisit the ordinance and asked council to consider revisiting the policy at a later date. Asatryan made it clear she would like to be considered as the next Housing Authority Chair on April 11. She had a meeting with the City Manager and City Attorney regarding this issue and both agreed that it is not a fair system. Asatryan was advised that council has the authority to override the policy for both mayor and housing authority chair selection under special circumstances. Mayor Kassakhian stated he does not know the accuracy of the statement Asatryan provided regarding the lack of opportunity for mayorship for two terms and asked for clarification. City Attorney Garcia indicated based on the established rotation assuming Asatryan ran and won a second term, she will not be able to serve as Mayor until the year 2026-2027 but it will not be within the first two terms that she serves. Garcia will provide more information to council prior to the April 4 Council Meeting. Councilmember Najarian indicated that this new policy was put in place to avoid council collecting votes or having a popularity contest and that previous councilmembers were excluded in mayorship during their term. Asatryan stated that she appreciates the intention behind this policy, however, this has unintended consequences for her opportunity to be selected as mayor. Asatryan added that she is the first Armenian American woman and first immigrant woman to be elected to Glendale City Council and this policy would prevent the city from having the first immigrant woman and first Armenian American woman as mayor.

Councilmember Najarian announced that the Metro Board will vote on Thursday to allocate \$500K to fund a bus service for South Glendale residents to visit the Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Najarian is a co-author of a Motion for the Metro Board to reach out to the cities in which there are transit lines with popular stops that do not currently have amenities. This motion will enable cities to find funding to make the bus stops and shelters as affordable and as convenient to the riders as possible.

Mayor Kassakhian thanked the organizers of the Armenian American Museum Gala this weekend for a well-attended event. He also thanked the people who helped get this project to its second phase.

# 6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

Tamara Movsesyan

Council recessed for five minutes.

Nancy Oshima Steve Hunt John Schwab-Sims Cathy Morfopoulos

## 7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. Community Development, re: Ordinance Authorizing Entry into a Statutory Development Agreement between the City of Glendale and Adelfia Properties II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company in Connection with the Lucia Park Project (620 North Brand Boulevard and 625 North Maryland Avenue)
  - 1. Ordinance 6003 for Development Agreement

Moved: Najarian Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Asatryan

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Public Comment: Rodney Khan

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Community Services and Parks, re: Introduction of Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Lease Agreement between the City of Glendale and Babak B. Golbahar for the Verdugo Jobs Center (VJC) facility located at 1255 South Central Avenue, Glendale, CA 91204 for a 3-year period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Introduced by: Devine

 Motion authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute all agreements, certifications, and documents necessary to accept and implement the funding the lease

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

# b. Glendale Water and Power, re: Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 8000616 with ARB, Inc. for Ongoing Grayson Site Mechanical and Field Service Support

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Presenting:

Scott Mellon, Assistant General Manager/Power Management

 Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 8000616 with ARB, Inc. adding the amount of \$180,000 to replenish the contract amount for the emergency service work provided to Unit No. 4 Boiler Waterwall Tube Cleaning at the Grayson Power Plant (GPP)

Moved: Devine Seconded: Brotman

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

# c. Glendale Water and Power, re: Grayson Repowering Project – Award of Demolition & Site Improvement Contract, and Amendments to Professional Services Agreements

Presenting:

Scott Mellon, Assistant General Manager/Power Management

Staff Comment:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

 Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract with Silverado Contractors, Inc. (Silverado) for the Grayson Repowering Project -Demolition and Site Improvement, Request for Proposals Specification No. 3905 in the amount of \$27,218,735, plus a twenty percent (20%) contingency in the amount of \$5,443,747

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

> Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to the City's existing Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Contract No. 8000053 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec), increasing the contract amount by \$700,000 for additional "as needed" professional environmental support services for the Grayson Repowering Project for a new total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$2,368,582

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None 3. Motion authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to the City's existing PSA with Black & Veatch Corporation (Black & Veatch) Contract No. 8000847, increasing the contract amount by \$3,600,000 for additional "as needed" Owner's Engineering services for the Grayson Repowering Project for a new total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$6.373.068

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent:Motionauthorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an amendment to Abstain:the one existing PSA with Clean Power Consulting Partners (CP Squared)

Contract No. 8000941, increasing the contract amount by \$1,200,000 for additional "as needed" project management and consulting services for the Grayson Repowering Project for a new total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$1,650,000.

Moved: Brotman Seconded: Devine

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

5. Resolution 23-28 of Appropriation

Moved:Brotman Seconded: Devine

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

d. City Clerk, re: City Council Resolution in Support of the Inclusion of an "Armenian" Checkbox Under the MENA Category in the 2030 U.S. Census.

Public Comments: Sophia Armen Ayana Hamamjan Ramela Eraghi

1. Resolution 23-28 Supporting the Inclusion of an "Armenian" Checkbox under the MENA Category in the 2030 U.S. Census

Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Brotman

Aves: Asatryan, Brótman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

e. City Attorney, re: Revisions to Nomination and Selection Process for Boards and Commissions; Term Limits for Members of Boards and Commissions; Addition of Youth Commissioners to Arts & Culture Commission, Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission, and Transportation & Parking Commission

Presenting:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Public Comment: Ayana Hamamjan Herbert Molano

1. Introduction of Ordinance Amending Glendale Municipal Code Pertaining to Term Limits for Boards and Commissions and Youth Commissioners

Introduced by: Brotman

2. Resolution 23-29 Amending the Recruitment and Selection Process for Appointment of Individuals to Boards and Commissions

Moved: Devine Seconded: Asatryan

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

> Resolution 23-30 Amending the Procedure to Address Complaints or Allegations of Misconduct Against Members of Boards and Commissions Moved: Devine Seconded: Asatryan

Aves: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None 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.

Gen. Mark MacCarley Herbert Molano

# 13. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to resolve the lawsuit entitled Sheram Nadimyan, et al. v. Mira Gjura, et al. Case No. 19STCV29013 in exchange for a full release of all claims in the amount of \$6,000,000 with the City to be reimbursed by its insurance carrier for all amounts in excess of its remaining self-insured retention. This settlement is not an admission of any liability whatsoever for any wrongdoing with respect to Plaintiff by Defendant or by any person or department but is the compromise of a disputed claim

Moved: Najarian Seconded: Brotman

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

	\$54,843.57 for the mudslide and water da of Finance is authorized to issue a warra Attorney upon the receipt of a properly of Moved: Brotman Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None	: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian : None : None		
	c. Motion to approve the City Attorney's appointment of Sylvia Quach as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Glendale, and further that a written copy of this Motion be transcribed, certified and delivered by the City Clerk to the Office of the Civil Service Commission of the City of Glendale as and for the written statement required by Article XXIV, Section 5, Subsection 2 of the Charter.  Moved: Devine Seconded: Brotman			
	Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najariar Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None		Brotman	
14.	ADJOURNMENT – 9:23 p.m.  Moved: Asatryan	Seconded:	Brotman	
		Mayor of the City of Glendale		
	City Clerk of the City of Glendale			