

**MINUTES**  
**GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206  
APRIL 4, 2023

**ROLL CALL – Absent: Najarian**

- 1. CLOSED SESSION – 3:26 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 Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Karapetian v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 19STCV17066**
  - c. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One (1) potential case**
  - d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: City Manager and City Attorney**
  - e. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Aghazarian v. City of Glendale, L.A.S.C. Case No. 19STCV45225**

Public Comment:  
Herbert Molano

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action not anticipated. Council recessed to closed session at 3:30 p.m.

**2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:00 PM**

**Roll Call**

- a. Flag Salute: Mayor Ardy Kassakhian**
- b. Invocation: Poet Laureate Raffi Joe Wartanian**
- c. Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on Thursday, March 30, 2023, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

**3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

Assistant City Manager John Takhtalian provided the preview.
- b. Outgoing Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Kassakhian thanked the residents of the Glendale, city staff and all the commissioners who have worked tirelessly to make his year as a mayor a productive one. He also thanked his critics who have twitted or sent emails. He gave special thanks to his friends and advisors Dveen Babaian and Sevana Zadourian. He also thanked his family for their support. He congratulated Dan Brotman for his upcoming mayorship and stated that he will be a great Mayor for the city and will continue the great work that the Council has begun this year.

**c. Selection of a New Mayor**

Mayor Kassakhian nominated Council Member Brotman for Mayor. Hearing no further nominations, City Clerk Suzie Abajian proceeded with the Roll Call.

Moved: Kassakhian Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, Najarian, Kassakhian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

City Clerk Suzie Abajian declared Council Member Brotman the duly elected Mayor of the City of Glendale.

**d. New Mayor's Comments**

Newly Appointed Mayor Dan Brotman thanked voters of the Glendale for believing in him twice: once in 2020 and again in 2022. He thanks his colleagues and some of the dignitaries who were present including Senator Anthony Portantino, former Mayor Frank Quintero, Laura Friedman's field representative and city commissioners. He also thanked his parents Bob and Joyce, his partner Michelle, and his children. He acknowledged outgoing Mayor, Ardy Kassakhian's dedication to and genuine love for the city in which he was raised. Mayor Brotman also thanked his colleagues and staff. He spoke about his move to the City of Glendale, how he became politically active and his journey of becoming a councilmember and now a mayor. He stated that Glendale is thriving; tax revenues are strong; the city is still ranked as one of the safest cities of its size in the country and that it was recently ranked as one of the happiest cities. He reviewed the accomplishments of the council from last year including some of the large, long delayed and politicly fraught projects such as the repowering of Grayson and the Scholl Canyon landfill. He stated that Glendale is a great City with quality services, relative safety, healthy economy, award winning schools, stunning natural environment, all within the distance of the second largest city in the United States. Most importantly, he recognized the diverse and highly talented population. He mentioned some of the challenges that the city is facing including deep inequity in housing and transportation, the effects of a rapidly changing climate and budgeting challenges including less funding and rising pension obligations. He stated that the city will have to make tough decisions such as cut services, renegotiate with the bargaining units, or find new revenues. Mayor Brotman laid out his priorities for the coming year including increase the housing inventory, making the streets safer for people on foot or bike and ramping up the production of solar energy and electrification of buildings. He also proposed an education campaign to reduce food waste and ensure that the organic waste gets to compost facilities and not the landfill. He also mentioned the need for expanding the urban forest, advancing policies for cool roofs and roads, improving water capture, and enhancing efforts to build CERT teams in vulnerable neighborhoods. Mayor Brotman also discussed plans for ensuring the fiscal health of the city. In closing he thanked his family and the Glendale Environmental coalition for their invaluable advocacy and work.

Public Comments:

Senator Anthony Portantino

Christopher Khachatour from the office of Assembly Member Laura Friedman

**e. Identification of Nominating Panel for Civil Service Commission**

**Appointment to Reappoint/Replace Mark MacCarley - Asatryan/Brotman**

**f. Identification of Nominating Panel for the Civil Service Commission**

**Appointment to Fill Vacancy Created by Resignation of Albert Abkarian -**

**Brotman/Devine**

**g. Identification of Nominating Panel for the Civil Service Commission Appointment to Fill Vacancy Created by Resignation of Greg Astorian – Devine/Kassakhian**

**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 Joint City Council and Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Joint City Council and Housing Authority, and Regular City Council Meetings of March 28, 2023**

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**b. Public Works, re: Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project**

1. Motion awarding a construction contract to Access Limited Construction, in the amount of \$1,096,192, approving a 15 percent contract contingency in the amount of \$164,430, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 23-37 of appropriation to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,370,222 for the Brand Park Motorway Improvements Project

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**c. Community Services and Parks, re: Amendment Nine for FY 22-23 Los Angeles County Aging and Disabilities Department (AD) Revised Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Nutrition Infrastructure funding allocation of \$245,980 for Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) services**

1. Motion to reprogram unused FY 2022-2023 Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Congregate Meals Services (C1) funding in the amount of \$100,000 to Home Delivered Meals Services (C2) and accept \$245,980 in FY2022-2023 Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Nutrition Infrastructure (NI) funding for the purchase of approved equipment/fleet to be used for the provision of Elderly Nutrition Program from County of Los Angeles Aging and Disabilities Department for; and authorize the City Manager or a designee to execute Amendment Nine to the County of Los Angeles Aging and Disabilities Department Contract Subaward Number ENP202106 Subaward period July 2020 – June 2023 to accept and implement Los Angeles County AD funding

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

1. Motion authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with ARC Construction, Inc., for the Glendale Transportation Center Renovation Project, per Specification No. 3926, in the amount of \$1,306,350, plus a 10% contingency \$130,635

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**14. ADJOURNMENT- 7:37 p.m.**

Moved: Kassakhian

Seconded: Devine

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Mayor of the City of Glendale

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City Clerk of the City of Glendale