

MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
JULY 25, 2023

ROLL CALL – All Present

1. CLOSED SESSION – 3:05 p.m.

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Salazar v. City of Glendale, et al., L.A.S.C. Case No. BC 700257
- b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager
- c. Conference with Labor Negotiators: The City-designated negotiator attending the closed session is: Mayor Dan Brotman. Unrepresented Employee Position: City Manager
- d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Attorney
- e. Conference with Labor Negotiators: The City-designated negotiator attending the closed session is: Mayor Dan Brotman. Unrepresented Employee Position: City Attorney
- f. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure litigation pursuant to paragraph subdivisions (d)(2), (e (2) and (e)(5) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Two (2) potential cases
- g. Public Employment – Attorneys
- h. Conference with real property negotiators. City negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, John Takhtalian, Bradley Calvert, Jason Bradford, Michael J. Garcia, Gillian van Muyden, Dorine Martirosian, and Allen Castillo. Property location: 222 N. Orange Street. Negotiating Parties: Verizon. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms for the lease of property
- i. Conference with real property negotiators. City negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, John Takhtalian, Jason Bradford, Michael J. Garcia, Gillian van Muyden, Gary Shaffer, and Kristina Gerber. Property location: 1000 E. Palmer Avenue. Negotiating Parties: Newmark Real Estate. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms for the lease of property
- j. Conference with real property negotiators. City negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, John Takhtalian, Bradley Calvert, Jason Bradford, Michael J. Garcia, 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
- k. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18 v. City of Glendale Case No: LA-CE-805-M, PERB Decision No. 2694-M
- l. Conference with Labor Negotiators. The City-designated negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, John Takhtalian, Michael J. Garcia, Gillian van Muyden, Tim Ernst, Paula Adams, Aymee Martin, Jason Bradford and Laura Kalty. The name of the employee organization is: Glendale Fire Fighters Association
- m. Conference with Labor Negotiators. The City-designated negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, John Takhtalian, Michael J. Garcia, Gillian van Muyden, Mark Young, Paula Adams, Aymee Martin, Jason Bradford and Peter Brown. The name of the employee organization is: I.B.E.W., Local 18,

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Item 1h has been moved to a future date. City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is anticipated. Council recessed to closed session at 3:12 p.m.

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:05 PM

Roll Call – All Present

- a. Flag Salute: Mayor Dan Brotman**
- b. Invocation: Aram Adjemian, Asst. City Clerk**
- c. Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the July 25, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, August 1, 2023**
Regular meetings are cancelled for August 1 and will resume on August 8, 2023.
- b. Proclamation designating July 30, 2023 as Korean Comfort Women Day**
Chang Lee, Planning Commissioner
Phyllis Kim, Comfort Women Action for Redress and Education
- c. Proclamation designating July 2023 as Parks Make Life Better Month**
Sevag Garapetian, Community Services Manager
Joseph Gonzalez, Park Planner
- d. Identification of Nominating Panel for Building and Fire Board of Appeals Commission (Kassakhian/Najarian)**
- e. Identification of Nominating Panel for Building and Fire Board of Appeals Commission (Najarian/Devine)**
- f. Identification of Nominating Panel for Audit Committee (Najarian/Asatryan)**
- g. Identification of Nominating Panel for Planning Commission (Asatryan/Devine)**
- h. Identification of Nominating Panel for Planning Commission (Brotman/Asatryan)**
- i. Identification of Nominating Panel for Arts and Culture Commission (Asatryan/Najarian)**
- j. Identification of Nominating Panel for Arts and Culture Commission (Brotman/Kassakhian)**
- k. Identification of Nominating Panel for Historic Preservation Commission (Najarian/Brotman)**
- l. Identification of Nominating Panel for Historic Preservation Commission (Devine/Najarian)**
- m. Identification of Nominating Panel for Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (Asatryan/Kassakhian)**
- n. Identification of Nominating Panel for Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (Kassakhian/Asatryan)**
- o. Identification of Nominating Panel for Community Development Block Grant Advisory Commission (Brotman/Najarian)**
- p. Identification of Nominating Panel for Design Review Board Commission (Devine/Asatryan)**
- q. Identification of Nominating Panel for Commission on the Status of Women (Kassakhian/Brotman)**

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 July 11, 2023

Moved: Najarian Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Police Department, re: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program, Request for Authorization to Accept Grant Funds in the amount of \$56,850 to be used for equipment and training for the Verdugo Regional Crime Laboratory

1. Motion authorizing acceptance of the 2022 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant and authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to execute the necessary agreements, certification, and other documents required to accept the Grant

Moved: Najarian Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 23-111 to appropriate \$56,850 in 2022 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant funds

Moved: Najarian Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

c. Public Works, re: Contract for Community Beautification Project

1. Motion awarding a construction contract to Toro Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$8,356,288, approving a 15 percent contract contingency in the amount of \$1,253,443, and authorizing the City Manager or a designee to execute the contract

Moved: Najarian Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Resolution 23-112 of appropriation for the Community Beautification Project

Moved: Najarian Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Kassakhian asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Dr. Richard Hovannisian.

Councilmember Asatryan spoke fondly of Dr. Hovannisian and sent her condolences to the family of the deceased. This past weekend, Asatryan and Mayor Brotman visited the Pasadena Humane Society. Asatryan stated that the City of Glendale used to have a pet adoption day. She reached out to some of Glendale's farmers markets and to the Community Services and Parks department to see if they can collaborate with the Pasadena Humane Society to bring back pet adoption days. Asatryan stated that the Pasadena Human Society has several resources for residents who are struggling to keep their pets.

Councilmembers wished Mayor Brotman and Councilmember Kassakhian a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Devine attended the former Mayor Carl Raggio's celebration of life . She also attended the 30th Anniversary of the Glendale Youth Alliance.

Councilmember Najarian stated he served as chair of Metro this past year and apologized to council and the public for missing some important city events for this reason. Najarian, although no longer the chair, is still serving on the Metro Board of Directors and will continue to bring resources to the city.

Mayor Brotman attended the Walk Bike Glendale event. Police Officers Daniel Lee and Edgar Zabunyan joined him at the event by riding their brand-new Glendale Police electric bikes. Brotman spoke about the extreme heat and asked staff to accelerate their efforts in addressing climate change whether it's mitigation, clean energy, electrification, or adaptation. He raised some concerns regarding shops, particularly in the Americana at Brand, that leave their doors wide open while air conditioning is running.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Community Development, re: Ordinance 6007 of the City of Glendale, Amending the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP), regarding Hotel Uses (Devine, 07/11/23)

Moved: Asatryan Seconded: Devine

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Presenting:

Vilia Zemaitaitis, Principal Planner

Public Comment:

Mike Borisov

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Management Services, re: Introduction of an Ordinance Banning the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Staff Comments:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

Presenting:

Elizabeth Harris, Administrative Associate

Public Comments:

Emanuel Gulakian

Allan Durham

Tom O'Shaughnessy

Mike Mohill

Dan Mabe, American Green Zone Alliance

1. Ordinance for Introduction

Ordinance introduced by: Devine

b. Community Development, re: Consideration of a 45-Day Moratorium on New Firearms Retailers

Staff Comment:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Presenting:

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

1. Introduction of an Interim Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting New Firearms Retailers

Ordinance introduced by: Devine

9. HEARINGS

a. Community Development, re: Appeal of Design Review Board's approval of DRB Case No. PDR 2210249 located at 3967 San Augustine Drive

Hearing opened at 8:05 p.m. and closed at 8:47 p.m.

Staff Comments:

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Bradley Calvert, Director of Community Development

Presenting:

Roger Kiesel, Senior Planner

Public Comments:

Clint Feddersen, Appellant

Armen Tutundzhyan, Applicant
Natasha Feddersen
Daniel Besen

1. Motion to sustain the Design Review Board's decision to approve the Design Review Application with conditions

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

2. Motion to continue the matter, directing the City Attorney to draft findings reversing the Design Review Board's decision and denying the Project

10. REPORTS - INFORMATION

a. Public Outreach and Education on Organics and Recycling Programs

Yazdan Emrani, Director of Public Works
Steven Groner, SGA Marketing
Daniel Hardgrove, Asst. Director of Public Works
Natalie Lessa, ReCREATE Waste

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBER FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

13. 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.

Jemma and Roberta
Elizabeth Luce
Allan Durham
Allen Dish
Emanuel Gulakian
Tom O'Shaughnessy
Vahan

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Motion to execute the Settlement Agreement and General Release of Claims regarding the city's compliance with PERB Decision No. 2694-M, International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, Local 18 v. City of Glendale, which authorizes the lump sum payment by the City of \$5,507,633.11 in exchange for release of claims**

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

15. ADJOURNMENT – 10:17 p.m., adjourned in memory of Dr. Richard Hovannisian
Moved: Kassakhian Seconded: Asatryan

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale