

MINUTES
GLENDAL CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor Glendale, CA 91206
AUGUST 15, 2023

ROLL CALL- All Present

1. CLOSED SESSION – 3:08 p.m.

- a. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager**
- b. **Conference with Labor Negotiators: The City-designated negotiator attending the closed session is: Mayor Dan Brotman. Unrepresented Employee Position: City Manager**
- c. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Attorney**
- d. **Conference with Labor Negotiators: The City-designated negotiator attending the closed session is: Mayor Dan Brotman. Unrepresented Employee Position: City Attorney**
- e. **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, and Onnig Bulanikian. Property location: 115 & 121 West Wilson Avenue. Negotiating Parties: Lillie S Makhnian Trust. Instructions to the negotiator(s) will concern the price and terms for the acquisition of property**
- f. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: California Rifle & Pistol Association, Incorporated, et al. v. City of Glendale, et al., U.S.D.C. Case No. 2:22-cv- 07346-SB-JC**
- g. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Alchian, et al. v. City of Glendale, et al., LASC Case No. 22STCV08075**
- h. **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, Unit 40**
- i. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation: Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association v. City of Glendale, et al., L.A.S.C. Case No. 22STCP00114**
- j. **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**
- k. **Conference with Labor Negotiators. The City-designated negotiators attending the closed session are: Roubik Golanian, John Takhtalian, Michael J. Garcia, Gillian van Muyden, Paula Adams, Aymee Martin, and Jason Bradford. The names of the employee organizations are: Glendale City Employees' Association, Glendale Management Association, Glendale Police Officers' Association, Glendale Fire Fighters Association and I.B.E.W., Local 18, Unit 40. Unrepresented Employees: Executives and Confidential Employees**

City Attorney Mike Garcia indicated that action is anticipated on item 1i. Council recessed to closed session at 3:08 p.m.

Public Comment:
Herbert Molano

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:06 PM

Roll Call – All Present

- a. **Flag Salute: Mayor Brotman**
- b. **Invocation: Pastor Kurt Poland, First German United Methodist Church**
- c. **Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on August 10, 2023 on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.**

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

Assistant City Manager John Takhtalian provided the preview.

- b. Appointment of Armineh Megrabyan to the Civil Service Commission**

(Brotman/Asatryan, 08/08/23)

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

- c. Identification of Nominating Panel for Historic Preservation Commission**

(Devine/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.

Item 4c pulled for separate consideration.

- a. City Clerk, re: Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 8, 2023**

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- b. Libraries, Arts, and Culture, re: Artsakh Ave. Gateway Public Art Piece - "Curtain" by Paul Cocksedge Studio**

1. Rescind the May 10, 2022 Special City Council Meeting Motion authorizing the City Manager, or a designee, to enter into and execute an Agreement for Commission of Artwork with Paul Cocksedge Studio in the amount of \$550,000 dispersed from the Urban Art Fund, to design, fabricate, and install a public art piece entitled, "Curtain," for the Artsakh Ave. Gateway Public Art Piece.

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

Staff Comments:
Yazdan Emrani, Director of Public Works
Bryan Salazar, Administrative Analyst/ Electrical Engineering, GWP

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

d. Public Works, re: Professional Services Agreement for Professional Consultant Services for the Citywide Traffic and Mobility Study

- ## 5. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Golanian stated that the Communications Division disseminates the power outage information via Facebook, twitter, and Instagram. Unfortunately, staff took a while to determine the cause of the last outage and were not able to send out the information via social media.

Asst. City Manager Takhtalian explained that the state has a strict restriction on watering artificial turf. He stated that the water has been turned off for the grass on Beaudry Blvd, but the trees and shrubs do continue to be watered.

Councilmember Asatryan visited the senior housing on 333 Monterey Ave. where she heard the complaints of the residents who live there. She asked staff to inspect the senior housing facility. Asatryan stated that the residents lack information on city and LA County services such as transportation programs and citywide events. She stated that college students and seniors frequently use public transportation and they should be the key demographics in outreach efforts. Since a report will be brought back to council regarding the Glendale Beeline, Asatryan asked staff to get more input from students and seniors. She also asked staff to reach out to all of Glendale's senior housing to provide the residents more information on city and county services. Asatryan is in communication with the people of Artsakh, and they are looking for additional assistance regarding their circumstances. She asked the City Manager's on how the city can provide assistance to the people of Artsakh. Asatryan also addressed issues that transpired last week with council during a discussion of an agenda item.

Councilmember Najarian provided his comments regarding last week's council meeting. He asked for additional time to nominate his commissioners and voiced his concern about his request being denied during a discussion when he wasn't present. Mayor Brotman explained his perspective of what transpired last week and his reasoning behind his decisions.

City Manager Golanian read a statement from Robert Avetisyan, a permanent representative of the Republic of Artsakh in the US. Golanian asked council to allocate humanitarian aid to the Sister Cities in Artsakh including Martuni.

6. COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (3-Minutes)

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

a. **Community Development, re: Ordinance 6009 Prohibiting Issuance of Entitlements and/or Permits for Establishment of New or Replacement Retail Uses Selling Firearms or Ammunition and Declaring the Urgency Thereof (Devine, 07/25/23)**

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

Staff Comment:
Roubik Golanian, City Manager

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Finance, re: Employee Medical Stipend

Staff Comment:
Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Public Comments:
Ramella Eraghi
Herbert Molano

1. Motion to approve a Medical Stipend for City of Glendale Employees, in the Aggregate Amount of \$2,347,295, to Cover Medical Premium Increases from June 2023 through June 2024

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

2. Resolution 23-116 of appropriation

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

9. HEARINGS

- a. City Attorney, re: Third Public Hearing Regarding the Composition of Council Districts Related to the City's Proposed Transition to District-Based Councilmember Elections**

Hearing opened at 7:41 p.m. and closed at 9:03 p.m.

Staff Comment:
Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Presenting:
Doug Johnson, President of National Demographics Corporation

Public Comments:
Karen Kwak
Maro Yacoubian
Alek Bartrosouf
Allen Dish
Herbert Molano
Lisa Morris
Allan Durham
Teresa Blackburn

- ## 1. Motion Directing Staff Regarding Preparation of Draft District Maps

Council went to recess at 9:03 p.m. and returned at 9:10 p.m.

- b. Community Development, re: Appeal of Planning Commission's approval of Density Bonus Review Case Number PDBP2120753, for 246 North Jackson Street (Environmental Determination of Class 32 "In-fill Development Project" Exemption Per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15332)**

Hearing opened at 9:15 p.m. and closed at 11:17 p.m.

Staff Comments:

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Mike Garcia, City Attorney

Yvette Neukian, Principal Assistant City Attorney

Presenting:

Cassandra Pruet, Senior Planner • Community Development

Catherine Jurca, Appellant

Grant Michaels, Appellant

Richard McDonald, Attorney of Applicant

Art Simonian, Applicant

Public Comments:

Karen Kwak

Rick Stern

Mary Lynn Fisher

Allan Durham

Ramella Eraghi

Palma Vincenti

Herbert Molano

Bruce Merritt

Lee Smith

Damian Sullivan

Ani Hart

Naira Soghatian

Alexander

Patty Silversher

1. Motion to sustain the Planning Commission's decision to sustain the Planning Hearing Officer's granting with conditions of Density Bonus Review Case Number PDBP2120753 for 246 North Jackson Street

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Kassakhian, Najarian

Noes: Devine, Brotman

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2. Motion to continue the matter, directing the City Attorney to draft findings reversing the Planning Commission's decision to sustain the Planning Hearing Officer's granting with conditions of Density Bonus Review Case Number PDBP2120753 for 246 North Jackson Street

Moved: Devine

Seconded: Brotman

Ayes: Devine, Brotman

Noes: Asatryan, Kassakhian, Najarian

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion 9b2 did not pass.

10. REPORTS - INFORMATION

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. DISCUSSION OF COUNCILMEMBER FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

a. Councilmember Najarian's Request to Agendize a Review of the Noise Standards for the Downtown Specific Plan Area

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Asatryan

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Mayor Brotman's Request to Agendize a Discussion of Shared Mobility Pilot Program Focused on Bicycles and E-Bikes

Moved: Brotman

Seconded: Kassakhian

Ayes: Asatryan, Devine, Kassakhian, Najarian, Brotman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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.

Herbert Molano

Allen Dish

Allen Durham

Emanuel Gulakian

Catherine Jurca

Maria

Mike Borisov

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Motion to enter into and execute a Settlement Agreement to resolve and settle all claims in the matter of Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association (GOCHA) v. City of Glendale, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22STCP00114**

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

15. ADJOURNMENT- 12:40 a.m.

Moved: Devine Seconded: Najarian

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale