

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2010

The regular meetings of the San Gabriel City Council and the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency convened on August 17, 2010 at 7:32 p.m. with Mayor/Chair Huang, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Gutierrez, Council/Agencymembers Costanzo, De La Torre, Sawkins, City Manager/Executive Director Preston, City Attorney/General Counsel Kress, and Deputy City Clerk/Agency Secretary Castruita present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE

Attendance

RECESS AGENCY MEETING

Recess Agency Meeting

Agencymember Costanzo moved to recess; seconded by Agencymember De La Torre. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Catherine Willey, presented a petition from San Gabriel residents on Ramona Street regarding the parking situation with the students of San Gabriel High School.

Bobby Siow, spoke on the parking situation regarding the students of San Gabriel High school on Ramona Street.

Marissa Castro-Salvati, representative for Southern California Edison, informed the Council that she will present updates on a quarterly basis concerning the proposed Edison transmission towers. She noted that there will be no increase in the height or profile of towers in San Gabriel

CONSENT CALENDAR: ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND ENACTED IN ONE MOTION UNLESS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR AUDIENCE REQUESTS SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Consent Calendar

[Consent Calendar Item #6 I was pulled for separate discussion]

A. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 20, 2010

Minutes Approved.

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the last Council meeting.

Recommended Action: Approval

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS: 84034-84421 INCLUSIVE \$3,121,424.69

Material Demands Approved.

This is the presentation of the "Register of Demands and Warrants" for the payment of City expenditures.

Recommended Action: Approval

C. INVESTMENT REPORT

Investment Report Approved.

Investment Report for the Month of June 2010

Recommended Action: That the City Council receive and file report.

- D. REQUEST SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF AYALA & OSUNA PRODUCTIONS FOR PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT SAN GABRIEL MISSION PLAYHOUSE AT THEIR EVENT ON AUGUST 22, 2010 Alcohol request Approved.

San Gabriel Municipal Code Section 99.03(g) requires Council approval to serve alcoholic beverage, other than wine and champagne, for events held at the Grapevine Park, Mission Playhouse, and Adult Center.

Recommended Action: Approval subject to the condition that all requirements of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board are met.

- E. REQUESTS SUBMITTED FROM SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER FOR PERMISSION TO PLACE STREET BANNER Street Banner Approved.

The San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, AHMC would like to notify the community about their free Health Fair taking place on September 25, 2010 and requests a street banner to be displayed at the discretion of the City Council.

Recommended Action: That the City Council grant the request subject to review and approval by staff and that the location shall be at the City's discretion.

- F. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY Street Closure Approved.

One request for temporary street closure has been submitted for the purpose of holding a block party on Sunday, August 29, 2010 as follows:

- 400 block of Daroca Avenue from Leslie to Roses Road from 2:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Recommended Action: That the City Council approve the requests subject to the following conditions:

- (1) A minimum width of 20 feet of one side of the street shall remain unobstructed for access by public safety vehicles.
- (2) Fire hydrants shall remain unobstructed at all times.
- (3) There shall be no consumption of alcohol within the public right-of-way.
- (4) There shall be no fireworks or other pyrotechnic displays.
- (5) A resident shall be identified as the responsible party for all contacts by City agencies and for installing and removing the street barricades.
- (6) Parties are subject to disturbing the peace laws.
- (7) The street closure shall be between the hours as indicated on the request form.
- (8) Applicant is responsible for moving the barricades when City officials arrive at the event.

- G. **PLANNING GRANT THROUGH STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL** Planning Grant Through Strategic Growth Council Approved.
- The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant is funded by Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. The Strategic Growth Council has announced the availability of planning funds to implement sustainable communities. The City of San Gabriel is evaluating the ability to meet the threshold requirements for submitting a grant application which is due on August 31, 2010.
- Recommended Action: That the City Council adopt Resolution 10-32 approving the application for grant funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant.
- H. **USE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT REGARDING FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ACCESS TO THE ALHAMBRA WASH LOCATED SOUTH OF VINCENT LUGO PARK** Use Agreement with the LA County Flood Control District regarding Flood Control District access to the Alhambra Wash located south of Vincent Lugo Park Approved.
- The Los Angeles County Flood Control District owns fee title and easement for ingress and egress and flood control purposes for those portions of the Alhambra Wash located south of Vincent Lugo Park. The County Flood Control District (FCD) has submitted a 25 year agreement authorizing the city to proceed with the Capital Improvement Project and defining the city's use of the property.
- Recommended Action: That the City Council approve the agreement.
- I. **PROGRESS REPORT – COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE]** Progress Report – Communications Task Force Approved.
- Last January the Council adopted a comprehensive package of strategies to enhance customer and internal communications, increase transparency to the public, and improve our effectiveness. In February, the City Manager appointed a Communications Task Force – with representation from each of the City's departments – to verse that effort.
- City Manager Preston assigned a six month period for the CTF to conduct its first tasks, and a slightly longer period to study several more complex activities such as the website, social networking, and reconfiguration of the City's publication portfolio, either by itself or in cooperation with other agencies. Several other tasks were separately assigned to the Community Development Department for implementation with respect to improved public noticing. Those activities are continuing to occur.
- Recommended Action: That the City Council receive the report and file.
- Councilmember Sawkins requested that iPhone applications be added to the technology group research.**
- Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Sawkins. There being no objections, it was so ordered.**

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve items A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H of the consent calendar; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

PUBLIC HEARING: ESTABLISH UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO's 2010-1 & 2010-2; ADOPT RESOLUTIONS 2010-16 & 2010-14; CIP PROJECTS 1-09-48 & 49

Public Hearing: Establish Underground Utility District No's 2010-1 & 2010-2; Adopt Resolutions 2010-16 & 2010-14; CIP Projects 1-09-48 & 49 Approved.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires all electric utilities under its jurisdiction to set-aside a certain amount of their revenues for communities to underground overhead utilities. The program is known as Rule 20A, where communities are allocated funds based on the ratio of customers served by overhead facilities to all the customers in the community, and the fraction that customers in the community represent of all Southern California Edison (SCE) customers. The goal of the CPUC is to reduce the visual sight impairment that overhead lines create within communities. The City of San Gabriel has approximately \$3.3 million available for undergrounding projects.

Recommended Action: After holding the public hearing, that the City Council:

1. Establish Underground Utility District 2010-1 & adopt Resolution No. 10-16.
2. Establish Underground Utility District 2010-2 & adopt Resolution No. 10-14.
3. Direct staff to notify all affected property owners by mail of the action taken, and
4. Direct staff to file district establishment documents with affected utility companies.

Acting City Engineer Marciuska presented the staff report.

Councilmember Sawkins moved to open the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

Frank Button, resident, asked the Council about undergrounding the tracks at the same time as the utilities are undergrounded. The City Manger responded that the tracks are being undergrounded under a separate \$1.4 billion project.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Councilmember Sawkins moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Vice Mayor Gutierrez and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

PUBLIC HEARING: CITY OF SAN GABRIEL SERVICE FEES

Public Hearing: City of San Gabriel Service Fees Approved.

The City of San Gabriel provides numerous services and activities to the public, which specifically benefit a particular person. In order to avoid a complete taxpayer subsidy of the service or activity, the City of San Gabriel charges a fee to the person receiving the service. These fees are reviewed and may be amended from time to time by the Council. The fees being considered are the Mission Playhouse Projector Rental Fee, Certified Access Specialist Program Fee, Preparation and Posting of Sign Fee and Public Hearing Advertising Fee.

Recommended Action: After holding the public hearing, that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 10-21 adopting the Schedule of Service Fees included in the 2010-11 Annual Budget to become effective as early as legally permissible.

Finance Director Marston presented the staff report.

Councilmember Costanzo moved to open the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember De La Torre. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Council at this time.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

“LOS POBLADORES – WALK TO LOS ANGELES”

“Los Pobladores – Walk to Los Angeles” cancelled.

(1) Status Report; (2) Block Closures

Each year over the Labor Day Weekend since 1981, the cities of San Gabriel and Los Angeles have participated in the reenactment of the 1781 walk of

Los Pobladores (the settlers) nine-mile trek from San Gabriel Mission to found the town of Los Angeles. The cities along the route (San Gabriel, Alhambra and Los Angeles) close Mission Road to ensure the safety of the walkers. In 2009, approximately 300 walkers participated in reenacting the walk of Los Angeles’ founding.

Recommended Action: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 10-31 temporarily closing Junipero Serra/Mission Road and Mission Drive/Ramona in front of San Gabriel Mission and Plaza Park to Alhambra city limits on Saturday, September 4, 2010 at approximately 6:00 a.m.

Parks and Recreation Director Perez presented an updated status report on the actions taken by the City of Los Angeles.

The City of Los Angeles has withdrawn their participation in the “Walk to Lo Angeles”. They will not offer street closures or insurance coverage for walkers participating from San Gabriel.

Staff recommends that Council cancel Walk festivities and the City’s participation in this year’s event.

Los Pobladores group members will continue their historic walk despite the lack of the Cities’ participation in order that the history continue.

Action on the original street closure item is not necessary following the new recommendation.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember De La Torre and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

QUARTERLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Quarterly Economic Development Update Approved.

In February, 2009, the Council/Agency approved a 24-month Economic Development Work Program which included specific goals and objectives in the areas of citywide economic development, redevelopment, and affordable housing. On a quarterly basis, the Economic Development reports on regional and local economic performance indicators and provides an update on work program objectives.

Recommended Action: That the City Council receive the report and file.

Acting Economic Development Manager Scherr presented the staff report.

Councilmember Sawkins moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

2010-11 FISCAL YEAR RETIREMENT TAX RATE

The City's retirement costs are funded by a special property tax levy that was authorized by the voters in a 1948 election. Each year, the City sets a tax rate that will generate sufficient revenues to meet the retirement obligations. The purpose of this recommended action is to adopt the attached Resolutions fixing the amount of the special property tax levy for retirement costs for 2010-11 fiscal year and setting the tax rate at the appropriate amount.

2010-11 Fiscal Year
Retirement Tax Rate
Approved.

Recommended Action: That the City Council adopt the Resolutions fixing the amount of property taxes to be generated for the City's employee retirement cost for the 2010-11 fiscal year and setting the tax rate at 14 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Finance Director Marston presented the staff report.

Councilmember Sawkins moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Items – High
Speed Rail Update

- A. High Speed Rail Update - City Manager Preston gave an update on a proposal by California the High Speed Rail Authority for a revised route through the San Gabriel Valley, including the City of San Gabriel.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez further reported on a meeting held in Alhambra for residents who voiced their concerns. Four route alignments are being considered. The 10 Freeway is the corridor of choice. Residents are greatly opposed due to impacts on the community as a whole.

Councilmember Costanzo asked the Council of Governments (COG) to slow the process and consider other viable options and to provide more information.

The COG pulled back a set meeting until February 2011. They plan to slow down and notify the public at their expense and provide informational community meetings.

City Manager Preston offered website information to the community and asked for further staff direction.

Vice Mayor Gutierrez asked for letters to be sent out to inform the residents and also asked for a letter to invite COG to make a city presentation, including regional factor representative from the Authority. The City Manager agreed to do so.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Council comments and
Conference/meeting reports

Each Council Member addressed the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concerns. Also, the Council gave reports on meetings they had attended.

RECONVENE AGENCY MEETING (JOINT CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING)

Reconvene Agency meeting (Joint City Council & Redevelopment Agency meeting).

Councilmember Sawkins moved to reconvene the Agency meeting; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

A. PURCHASING POLICY UPDATE; CITY OF SAN GABRIEL BUSINESS PREFERENCE

Purchasing Policy update; City of San Gabriel Business preference Approved.

The current Purchasing Policy was updated and adopted in 2008. The Council approved a number of changes to the existing policy when it approved the 2008 revision; however, a local preference policy was not addressed at that time and a written policy is not included in the Purchasing Policy. Even though the City does not have a written policy, City staff has been following the practice of local preference in some of its procurements through the years.

Recommended Action: That the City Council and Redevelopment Agency approve the insertion of the City of San Gabriel business preference section into the purchasing policy.

Finance Director Marston presented the staff report.

Councilmember/Agencymember Sawkins moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember/Agencymember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

RECESS COUNCIL MEETING

Recess Council meeting

Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to recess the Council meeting; seconded by Councilmember/Agencymember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

Agency Meeting

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2010

Minutes Approved

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved to approve the subject minutes; seconded by Agencymember Costanzo. The motion passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Agency at this time.

C. ADJOURN AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn Agency Meeting

Agencymember De La Torre moved to adjourn the agency meeting; seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Reconvene Council meeting and recess to closed session

At 8:44 p.m., Councilmember Sawkins moved to reconvene Council meeting and recess to closed session; seconded by Vice Mayor Gutierrez. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

A. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54957.6)

City Negotiator: Steve Filarsky

Employee Organizations: All represented bargaining units

City Attorney Kress reported that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURN

Adjourn

At 10:30 P.M., Council adjourned meeting.

Adjourn to Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Conference Room
A, for a Study Session on Organizational Performance Review and Strategic
Planning.

SAN GABRIEL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

Nina Castruita, Agency Secretary

Nina Castruita, Deputy City Clerk

Albert Y. M. Huang, Chair

Albert Y.M. Huang, Mayor