

# SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2010

The regular meetings of the San Gabriel City Council and the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency convened on October 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. with Acting Mayor/Acting 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.

Acting Mayor Gutierrez announced the resignation of Mayor Albert Y. M. Huang.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL**

Public Comment

Brendan Lenihan, resident, reminded Council that there is a two-hour parking limit in front of San Gabriel High School and inquired about resident rights to park without restrictions. City Manager Preston asked Mr. Lenihan to submit a letter with specific data and he would then assign to a staff member to research and respond.

Charles Salazar, resident, inquired about an ethnic relations committee and the status of such committee.

Rebecca Sanchez, resident, commented on the appreciation of the Mayor's resignation for the City and asked that the Police Department conduct a complete investigation.

Leanne Lynch, resident, inquired about the number of buses from the Alhambra Unified School District using San Gabriel streets and whether they would contribute to the maintenance of those streets.

### PRESENTATION

Presentation: High Speed Rail Project

City Engineer Grilley introduced the High Speed Rail Project representatives, Jose Martinez and Genaveva Arellano.

A presentation was given by Arellano Associates describing the proposed California High Speed Rail Project.

Public speakers against the High Speed Rail Project:

Bruce Fischer, Alhambra resident, urges the City of San Gabriel to oppose project.

Sandra Armenta, Rosemead resident opposed to project.

Fernando Cisneros, Rosemead resident opposed to project.

Enrique Garcia, San Gabriel resident opposed to project.

Lori Salvati, Alhambra resident, opposed to project.

Violet Rodriquez, San Gabriel resident, opposed to project.

Manuel Cabrales, San Gabriel resident, suggested alternate routes and possibilities.

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

**[Councilmember De La Torre moved to pull Item #C for separate discussion; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.]**

- A. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2010

Minutes approved.

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

Recommended Action: Approval

- B. MATERIAL DEMANDS: 84979 – 85130 INCLUSIVE \$1,188,899.28

Material Demands approved.

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

Recommended Action: Approval

- [C. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE TO HOLD A WEDDING]**

Street Closure approved.

**One request for temporary street closure has been submitted for the purpose of holding a wedding on Saturday, October 23, 2010 as follows:**

- **400 block of Country Club Drive from Roses Road to Hermosa from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.**

**Recommended Action: That the City Council approve the request 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.**

**Donn W. Anawalt, Jr., resident, approved of street closure.**

**Councilmember Costanzo moved to approve the recommended action of Item #C; seconded by Councilmember De La Torre and passed by a vote on the board of three yes votes and one abstained vote by Councilmember Sawkins.**

D. REQUESTS SUBMITTED FROM WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, INC. FOR PERMISSION TO  
PLACE STREET BANNER

Street Banner approved.

The San Gabriel Valley Association of REALTORS, Inc., would like to notify the community about their free "Home Fair" taking place on Saturday, November 13, 2010 and request 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.

Councilmember Costanzo moved to approve items A, B, and D of the consent calendar; seconded by Councilmember De La Torre and passed by a vote on the board of four yes.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER AND A PARKS  
AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER

Council approved Steven J. Kemp as Civil Service Commissioner and Maureen Elizabeth Bryant as Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

The Mayor is responsible for appointing persons to serve on the various City commissions. At this time it is necessary to appoint a Civil Service Commissioner and a Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

Recommended Action: That the City Council approve the Mayor's recommended reappointments of Steven J. Kemp (Civil Service Commission) and Maureen Elizabeth Bryant (Parks and Recreation Commission.)

Acting Mayor Gutierrez asked the Council to approve former Mayor Albert Huang's appointments.

Councilmember Costanzo moved to reappoint Steven J. Kemp to serve a two-year term on the Civil Service Commission commencing on October 6, 2010 and expiring October 5, 2012 and to reappoint Maureen Elizabeth Bryant to serve a two-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission commencing on September 15, 2010 and expiring on September 14, 2012; seconded by Councilmember Sawkins. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SAN  
GABRIEL FIRE MANAGEMENT GROUP, SAN GABRIEL FIREFIGHTERS  
ASSOCIATION AND SAN GABRIEL POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE  
CITY OF SAN GABRIEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11

MOU's between the City of San Gabriel and the San Gabriel Fire Management Group, San Gabriel Firefighters Association and San Gabriel Police Officers' Association approved.

The City has recognized four employee units that represent management and non-management police and fire safety personnel for labor negotiation purposes. Pursuant to State law, the City is required to meet-and-confer with these groups on issues that affect their membership relating to wages, benefits and working conditions.

City employees not represented by one of the recognized employee associations receive adjustments as determined by the City Council. For the past two years, the City has chosen to enter into single-year agreements rather than multiple year agreements so that it may maintain greater flexibility in a difficult economic environment.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

A. San Gabriel Fire Management Group:

1. Approve the Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San Gabriel and the San Gabriel Fire Management Group for the period ending June 30, 2011;
2. Direct the Finance Director or designee to prepare budget amendments for Council action as may be necessary to implement this MOU.

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

B. San Gabriel Firefighters Association:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San Gabriel and the San Gabriel Firefighters Association, Local 2197 for the period ending June 30, 2011; and
2. Direct the Finance Director or designee to prepare budget amendments for Council action as may be necessary to implement this MOU.

Councilmember De La Torre moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo and passed by a vote on the board of four yes.

C. San Gabriel Police Officers' Association:

1. Approve the Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San Gabriel and the San Gabriel Police Officers Association for the period ending June 30, 2011;
2. Direct the Finance Director or designee to prepare budget amendments for Council action as may be necessary to implement this MOU.

Councilmember Costanzo moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember De La Torre and passed by a vote on the board of four yes.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Items

A. Commissioner Appointment Process

City Manager Preston requested Council's authorization for staff to review and improve the current Commissioner Appointment process.

Council was supportive of idea and would like the item brought back for consideration.

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 concern. Also, the Council gave reports on meetings they had attended.

ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING AND RECONVENE AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn Council meeting and reconvene Agency meeting

Councilmember Sawkins moved to adjourn and reconvene as indicated above; seconded by Councilmember Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

Agency meeting

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2010

Minutes approved

Agencymember Costanzo moved to approve the subject minutes; seconded by Agencymember Sawkins. The motion passed by a vote on the board of four yes

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE AGENCY BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AGENCY BOARD

Public Comment

Citizens wishing to address the Agency Board on any matter not on the Agenda, which is in the subject matter jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Agency Board, may do so at this time. Please state your NAME and ADDRESS CLEARLY for the record.

**Please note** that while the Agency Board values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, the Agency Board cannot take any action until such time as the matter may appear as an item on a forthcoming agenda.

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

C. ADJOURN AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn agency meeting

At 9:31 p.m., Agencymember Costanzo moved to adjourn; seconded by Agencymember Sawkins. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

SAN GABRIEL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

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Nina Castruita, Agency Secretary

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Nina Castruita, Deputy City Clerk

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David R. Gutierrez, Acting Chair

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David R. Gutierrez, Acting Mayor