

**MINUTES**  
**CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL**  
**A Regular Meeting held in the City Council Chambers,**  
**5240 Santa Ana Street, Cudahy, California**  
**Tuesday – February 4, 2014 - 6:30 P.M. (OPEN SESSION)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Guerrero called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Markovich  
Councilmember Sanchez  
Councilmember Oliva  
Vice Mayor Garcia  
Mayor Guerrero

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Markovich

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Mayor Garcia

**Invocation:** Mayor Guerrero

**Presentations:**

- Certificate of Appreciation to Bertha Rodriguez

Mayor Guerrero, on behalf of City Council, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bertha Rodriguez from Latino California Newspaper, in recognition of her news coverage of parental intervention in the City of Cudahy related to Teresa Hughes Elementary School.

Ms. Rodriguez expressed her appreciation for the recognition.

- Certificate of Appreciation to Frank Parish and Pamela Munguia

Mayor Guerrero, on behalf of City Council, presented Certificates of Appreciation to Frank Parish and Pamela Munguia for their volunteering efforts in support of the City.

Mayor Guerrero acknowledged the attendance of various dignitaries.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Guerrero opened public comments.

Francisca Sorto commented on challenges with parking in the City and asked Council to consider the issue.

Tricia Sarmiento and Norma Contreras, representing members of the community, distributed written comments to Council and requested the use of a meeting room at Clara Park for their annual Parent Volunteer Training in conjunction with Elizabeth Learning Center. The group is composed of approximately sixty (60) parents and they reported that the event occurs once per year.

Mayor Guerrero noted that the use of City facilities will be a topic of discussion at tonight's meeting.

Elizabeth Placencia commented on the beginning of City classes and asked if instructors are required to submit fingerprints. She noted the importance of conducting background checks and registering instructors of children.

Talia Leon, Congresswoman Lucia Roybal-Allard's office, introduced herself and provided information regarding an upcoming student art competition. Additionally, she provided information regarding her office location and encouraged residents to apply under the Affordable Care Act.

Sergio Salas provided testimony on a recent encounter with a towing company noting that the driver of the towing company almost ran his wife over.

Dr. Richard R. Espiritu, Glendale, commented on a Federal mandate that all municipalities establish a disaster plan. He provided the City Clerk with a questionnaire issued by the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. and asked whether the City has a disaster plan and whether input was received from people with disabilities. He asked whether transportation was provided for people with mobile disabilities and whether relocation centers have been evaluated to ensure that they are ADA compliant as well as other inquiries related to a disaster plan.

City Attorney Padilla noted that staff is in receipt of the questionnaire and will be handled according to the Public Records Act.

Lesly Lainez (Mr. Sergio Salas's wife), offered her testimony regarding the recent incident with a towing company.

Alfred Areyan commented on the importance of having a disaster plan and the possibility of applying for grant money for same. Additionally, he commented on CERT classes/training as well as mobile home park issues.

Jose Parra, Los Angeles County Library, announced events going on at the library and encouraged City Council to tour the library and learn about its community programs and services.

Veronica Centeno, Club Sabor Latino, commented on continuing with the organization's monthly dances and thanked Councilmember Oliva and Mayor Guerrero for their participation. She asked that Council continue its support so that they may continue offering the dances.

Danamey Aguilar stated she is glad to see City Councilmembers working together and commented on mobile home issues and that possibility of having a workshop with

mobile home residents to discuss the matter and offered her help. Additionally, she referenced comments from Dr. Espiritu and stated she has taken disaster planning classes and they have been very helpful. She encouraged Council to proceed with disaster planning for the City.

Pamela Munguia requested Council's support relative to Teresa Hughes Elementary School, commented on mobile home park issues and requested assistance with grant applications. Additionally, she thanked the City and Council for the positive changes being made.

Elia Rivera, Club Sabor Latino, requested Council's continued support so that they may continue their dances and activities.

Elizabeth Alcantar announced an upcoming financial aid workshop for in-coming college students as well as the availability of scholarships. The event dates are pending but she noted the need for volunteers. She commented on Item 6O and suggested providing a summary in future agenda packets.

Brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of offering the workshop on February 22, 2014 and several Members of Council offered to volunteer.

David Argudo, Councilmember for the City of La Puente, commended Council for working well together and commented on the importance of disaster preparedness. Regarding the latter, he reported attending the NALEO conference and noted the availability of supportive material in terms of a disaster preparedness program.

Javier Flores commended Council for working together and requested information regarding the grant application process for mobile home residents. Additionally, he requested help in terms of the City providing overnight parking for residents and asked that the matter be placed on the agenda. He encouraged Council and residents to work together for the betterment of the City.

William A. Tejada requested Council support of Elizabeth Learning Center and their parent volunteer program. Additionally, he requested help with the grant application process related to mobile home parks and commented on the need for renovation of Lugo Park.

Estefana Gonzales thanked Council for its continued assistance and requested help with the grant application process related to mobile home parks. She noted the need to fix existing structures and not demolish them.

Emilio Ramires thanked Council for its help and requested respect from staff. He noted that members of the community are poor, but honest, and that many residents are confused regarding the requirements for mobile home grants and the application process.

Fernando Lopez noted that the present Council inherited many problems and now has an opportunity to make things better. He complained about a neighbor who has roaches, rats and insects on his property but no one is doing anything about it. He reported submitting a written complaint to Officer Mazaniego but that he has received

no response. He opined that if Officer Mazaniego does not want to do his job, he should leave and allow someone else to do it. Additionally, he commented on the need for overnight parking and commented on the City audit. He reported submitting a copy of his complaint to Councilmember Oliva.

Jose Cortes stated he is a vendor in the Cudahy swap meet and asked for an opportunity to better the venue. He noted decreased vendor participation and noted that for many, the swap meet is a way to support their families. He expressed his appreciation for the help in relation to Elizabeth Learning Center. He commented on a group of kids at the swap meet and asked if they are paid. Additionally, he suggested organizing vendors in order to develop ideas to improve the swap meet and the possibility of holding parent workshops there to learn about opportunities for students and provide information. He noted the interest of a karate instructor to hold classes at the swap meet and suggested having a table to provide relevant information, including a City disaster plan and engage in public dialogue.

Rosa Guzman commented on the Club Sabor Latino event noting that she was charged at the entrance and that her purse was checked. She reported that they were not allowed to enter with water or soda, as these were sold inside.

Sandra Orozco, community activist, spoke regarding the possibility of placing a City proclamation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society on a future agenda. She stated she was glad to see a representative from Congresswoman Lucia Roybal-Allard's office and requested a future workshop on the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additionally, she requested a copy of the Fiesta Taxi Cab contract adding that have often picked her up late. She commented on Councilmember Sanchez's request to hold Parks and Recreation Commission meetings earlier in the day and asked that he step down as a Councilmember.

Brenda Rodriguez complained about kids and adults smoking marijuana and blowing it towards students when they are coming out of school. She asked the Sheriff's Department to patrol the area.

Marcos Covarrubias expressed his support of Items No. 6F, 6E and 6K and in support of changing the City's parking ordinance. He complained about Councilmember Sanchez's conduct at a recent Parks and Recreation meeting and asked that he be disciplined.

Gloria Sandoval spoke in support of a City facility for holding a parent volunteer workshop in connection with Elizabeth Learning Center. She commented on Code Enforcement to patrol schools and spoke in support of Elizabeth Learning Center students. Additionally, she voiced concerns regarding Councilmember Sanchez conduct at a recent Parks and Recreation meeting.

Patricia Covarrubias commented on Item No. 6C and requested that Council stop the application submitted by Councilmember Sanchez's friends for mobile home park grants.

There being no other speakers, Mayor Guerrero closed public comments.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Oliva commented on a recent fire in the City, reported there are homeless people loitering on the property and asked Code Enforcement to check on the property. Additionally, she commented on the possibility of CDBG funds for mobile home parks. She addressed the possibility of assigning a City facility for a workshop for Elizabeth Learning Center parent volunteers.

Mayor Guerrero suggested they contact the City Manager's office to present their request. He added that the subject of a facility use is on this evening's agenda.

Councilmember Oliva requested a status update on the City's disaster plan reported that the restrooms at Clara Park were dirty. Additionally, she provided a brief overview of the training recently held for Councilmembers in Sacramento.

Councilmember Sanchez reported that a City disaster plan is one of Council's objectives for the coming fiscal year and commented on opportunities for grants. He addressed mobile home park grants and reported that Maria Torres is the person in charge of same and only works Thursdays and Fridays. He commented on the number of grants available, the applications submitted and scholarships awarded and noted that properties observed on Elizabeth would receive priority. He addressed the issue of fingerprinting employees and volunteers and offered his help at the upcoming financial aid workshop. Finally, he commented on defending his family members.

Vice Mayor Garcia thanked residents for their feedback. He announced a change in his officer hours on Fridays at Chris's Burgers from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He added that the meetings have been very productive and that one of the issues involved overnight parking. The issue is not on the agenda but he reported that staff was directed to conduct additional research in terms of practices by other cities and that the issue is being addressed. He commented on ballet and Zumba classes and stated his support of the parent volunteer program at Elizabeth Learning Center. Additionally, he commented on the mobile home grants and noted there has been a lot of misinformation reported on the subject. He added that many are trying to sabotage the process but that they will not be allowed to do so.

Mayor Guerrero requested adding an emergency preparedness plan onto Council's next meeting agenda as well as overnight parking, an update on the Cudahy swap meet and a proclamation for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Additionally, he reported that Josefina Vasquez-Molta, a prior candidate for the President of Mexico, will be visiting the southeast and will be visiting the City of Huntington Park with a book tour. Mayor Guerrero stated he will be joining her during her visit to the Los Angeles area. He requested issuing a proclamation to her as well, in honor of her visit. Finally, he noted that he selects public speakers in the order in which speaker cards are submitted. He commented positively on the recent League of Cities training for Councilmembers in Sacramento.

#### **4. WAIVE FULL READING**

- 4A.** Consideration and Approval of Recommendation to Direct the City Clerk to Amend the Standard Text of City Council Agendas to Provide that the Full Text Reading of all Resolutions and Ordinances be waived by single motion made at

the start of each meeting, subject to the ability of the City Council to read the full text of selected resolutions and ordinances when the item is addressed by subsequent motion.

***Recommendation: Motion to approve as stated.***

Mayor Guerrero read title to the aforementioned item and opined it should have been worded as a resolution.

A motion was made by Guerrero, seconded by Garcia, and carried (4 – 0) to approve the recommendation to direct the City Clerk to amend the standard text of City Council Agendas to provide that the full text reading of all resolutions and ordinances be waived by single motion made at the start of each meeting, subject to the ability of the City Council to read the full text of selected resolutions and ordinances when the item is addressed and when appropriate, by subsequent motion.

AYES: Guerrero, Oliva, Sanchez, Garcia  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Markovich  
ABSTAIN: None

## **5. BUSINESS SESSION**

Vice Mayor Garcia reported he had originally pulled Item No. 5A but stated he would like to include it as agendized for discussion. He requested tabling Items No. 6B, 6I, 6O, 6P, 6Q, 6S, 6T, 6V and 6X.

Mayor Guerrero suggested tabling Items No. 6B, 6I, 6O, 6P, 6Q and discussing Items No. 6S, 6T and 6V towards the end of the meeting and address 6W. He suggested folding Item No. 6X into the discussion for Item No. 6L.

Councilmember Oliva and Vice Mayor Garcia suggested focusing 6L on facility use only.

Mayor Guerrero agreed and stated Item No. 6X would be removed from the agenda.

Councilmember Oliva requested prioritizing Item No. 6C as many residents are in attendance to address the matter.

A motion was made by Guerrero, seconded by Garcia, and carried (4 – 0) to table Items No. 6B, 6I, 6O, 6P and 6Q; move Items No. 6S, 6T, 6V and 6W towards the end of the agenda, removing Item No. 6X from the agenda and moving Item No. 6C prior to Item No. 6A.

AYES: Guerrero, Oliva, Sanchez, Garcia  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Markovich  
ABSTAIN: None

**5A.** Consideration of an agreement between the City and IT Systemhouse, Inc. to provide professional consulting services for information technology (IT) services.

***Recommendation:*** Motion to approve the agreement and authorize the interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

Director of Finance, Stephen Dobrenen provided details of the staff report and addressed the RFP and selection process. He reported that IT Systemhouse has been serving the City on a month-to-month basis and has been very proactive in their practices. He added that their suggestions have saved the City substantial amounts of money and that they look for the best interests of the City. He presented recommendations as stated in the report.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Guerrero, Mr. Dobrenen reported that the relationship had been entered into at the City Manager's discretion and that Council is being asked to approve the contract since the financial threshold of approval is being exceeded. He added that they participated in the RFP process.

Vice Mayor Garcia commented on the competitive selection process and reported there are many aspects that require updates in the system.

In response to Councilmember Oliva's inquiry, Interim City Manager Garcia reported this system has nothing to do with the City website. He commented on efforts to place the City's website on a "cloud" system.

Discussion followed regarding provisions for early termination of the contract and the term of the contract.

A motion was made by Guerrero, to approve the contract with IT Systemhouse through the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2014.

Mayor Guerrero withdrew his motion.

City Attorney Olivarez suggested that Council allow him the opportunity to review the RFP and the contract to ensure substantial compliance.

Councilmember Oliva stressed the need for the City Attorney's office to review every contract to be considered, prior to it being presented to City Council.

City Attorney Olivarez commented on the general contract template provided to staff adding that its use streamlines the review process. He added that the contract must work in concert with the RFP and the scope of work.

It was noted that a copy of the contract is included in the RFP documentation distributed to potential vendors. It is represented as a baseline contract so that the applicants can understand the template.

In response to an inquiry from Council, City Attorney Olivarez noted that Council may approve the agreement at this time, subject to certain modifications. He added that the substance of the terms cannot be changed. It was noted that the terms of the contract is for one (1) year from the date of execution.

Interim City Manager Garcia suggested that Council allow staff to bring back the matter with clarification of the scope and terms and allowing the City Attorney's office to review the RFP and contract.

Mayor Guerrero so ordered.

- 5B.** Discussion and appointment of a delegate and/or alternate to represent the City to participate at the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) General Assembly.  
**(Verbal report by Deputy City Clerk)**

***Recommendation:*** *It is recommended that the Council appoint a delegate and alternate to the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG).*

Deputy City Clerk Angela Bustamante reported that this item was tabled at the last meeting and that after speaking to the SCAG representative, she advised that the regional Councilmember must be the delegate for the SCAG General Assembly meeting in May. She requested the assignment of an alternate and for the City Clerk to certify that appointment. She added that Vice Mayor Garcia is currently on the Regional Council.

A motion was made by Guerrero, seconded by Oliva, and carried (4 – 0) to appoint Vice Mayor Garcia as the delegate and Councilmember Oliva as the alternate to represent the City of Cudahy at the SCAG General Assembly.

AYES: Guerrero, Oliva, Sanchez, Garcia  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Markovich  
ABSTAIN: None

- 5C.** Consideration of Resolution No. 14-12, a resolution adopting the annual operating budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.  
**(Resolution No. 14-12 and FY13-14 Budget attached)**

***Recommendation:*** *Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-12.*

Mayor Guerrero noted this matter is long-overdue. He referenced a previous-approved resolution, that going forward; Council will pass a balanced budget on a timely, regular basis beginning the upcoming fiscal year. He addressed the current fiscal year and work done to move the budget forward including reduction in expenditures and renegotiating the City's legal services contract as well as other efforts to increase efficiency. He reported that if one-time, non-recurring items are excluded, the City will end with a structurally-balanced budget. He provided corrections to Resolution No. 14-12 in terms of projected revenues of \$8,704,506 and stated that expenditures should be corrected to reflect the amount of \$8,930.301 (Sections 1 and 2).

Discussion followed regarding the Budget Committee and the City Manager's presentation to Council.

Mayor Guerrero requested changing Section 3 to \$5,000 as the discretionary authority of the City Manager.

A motion was made by Guerrero, seconded by Oliva, and carried (4 – 0) to approve Resolution 14-12 as modified.

AYES: Guerrero, Oliva, Sanchez, Garcia  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Markovich  
ABSTAIN: None

**5D. Consideration to amend the Sonnenberg and Company agreement for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00  
(Audit Engagement letter attached)**

***Recommendation:** Motion to approve the amendment and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.*

Director of Finance Stephen Dobrenen presented details of the proposal submitted by Sonnenberg and Company and addressed changes in risk, changes in key personnel and in work. He added there was a component that was not disclosed therefore, changing the scope of work to be performed and presented recommendations as listed in the report.

Discussion followed regarding the original amount of the agreement and a change of \$10,000.

In response to Mayor Guerrero's inquiry, Mr. Dobrenen reported that the City has not met the threshold for a single audit.

Councilmember Sanchez stated he would like to maintain the agreement at the current level of \$19,000. He commented on the City being small enough to pay between \$20,000 and \$25,000 and suggested an increase of \$5,000 rather than \$10,000.

Mayor Guerrero stated that changing firms will look bad on the City.

Interim City Manager Garcia reported that the scope of work has changed and suggested increasing the contract amount by \$10,000. He agreed with Councilmember Sanchez for next year's audit but suggested approving the \$10,000 in order to allow Sonnenberg to finish the audit and move forward.

Discussion followed regarding changes in situations requiring an increase in the agreement amount and increasing efficiencies going forward. Ensuing discussion pertained to negotiations for arriving at the \$10,000 figure. More efficiencies should be achieved this year and going forward.

Interim City Manager Garcia reported that \$20,000 to \$25,000 is the range for the size of the City.

Director of Finance Dobrenen reported that other changes have confirmed changes that have occurred in the City. He added that CPA firms are required to get an engagement letter signed every year.

Discussion followed regarding the expected time for completion.

Interim City Manager Garcia stressed the importance of completing the audit in a timely fashion and addressed the role of Council and the message being sent.

Councilmember Sanchez indicated his desire to review the scope of work.

Mayor Guerrero noted the need to cooperate with the audit process and that it is reasonable for the audit firm to increase their fee. He added that fees will be renegotiated going forward. He added that if his motion does not pass, he will call a special meeting in a couple of days.

City Attorney Olivarez reported that resolutions and advance of payments require a three (3) Council votes.

A motion was made by Guerrero, seconded by Garcia, to approve the amendment to the Sonnenberg and Company agreement for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

Councilmember Sanchez indicated he will be voting no on this matter and explained his basis for doing so.

Councilmember Oliva indicated she would feel more comfortable voting on this item if additional information is provided in terms of what specifically occurred, what positions are involved and ensuring that this does not occur again going forward.

Interim City Manager Garcia stated he has not spoken specifically to Sonnenberg about the increase.

Mayor Guerrero suggested that the Interim City Manager have a conversation with the auditors to better understand what is driving the requested increase.

Councilmember Oliva stated she would like the Interim City Manager to understand what is occurring in order to better explain the situation to Council. She noted the need to fix internal controls in the City.

Director of Finance Dobrenen stated that although many deficiencies have been corrected, they must still be reported.

Interim City Manager Garcia noted he will return with the matter to City Council in two (2) weeks.

No action was taken on the motion.

**5E. Consideration and Ratification of First Amendment to Agreement with Olivarez Madruga, P.C for General Legal Services to establish a fixed monthly retainer.  
(Staff Report attached)**

**Recommendation:** To consider and approve the first amendment to the Olivarez Madruga, P.C agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

City Attorney Olivarez presented details of the report and stated that currently, his office performs all work for the City on an hourly basis. He added that the agreement establishes a fixed, monthly retainer for general matter services which comprise the bulk of their day-to-day work. He pointed out that there is a "special matters" component to the agreement which includes matters that are not routine in nature. He listed items under "special matters" noting that they are driven by the actions of outsiders such as if the City were to get sued. He addressed increases in public records requests, special land-development issues and meetings other than regular Council meetings adding that these would be billed on an hourly basis.

Mayor Guerrero indicated his desire to have the new agreement begin on February 1, 2014. He commented on items under Sections E through H being considered "special matters" and believed that employee-related issues would fall into the "basic services" work.

City Attorney Olivarez commented on his office's experience with other cities noting that cities with Police Departments generate a lot of time in terms of personnel-discipline matters. Cudahy outsources its Sheriff's services so there is no anticipation of a lot of employee-related incidents.

Mayor Guerrero distinguished between items that would fall under basic services and those under "special matters".

City Attorney Olivarez listed examples of personnel issues that could be classified under "retainer-type" services and those under "special matters". General consultation about labor issues would fall under the retainer. He noted that edits could be made to the agreement specific to that. Should an employee file a Workers Compensation claim or other types of claims for grievances, those would be considered "special matters".

Mayor Guerrero recommended that the City Attorney modify matters to classify as general items under the retainer and bring the matter back to Council in the near future.

Discussion followed regarding additional savings that can be generated by classifying matters under the basic retainer and land-development projects for which involvement of the City Attorney will be required.

The matter was tabled to the City Council meeting of February 18, 2014.

**5F.** City Manager's report on City matters.

**Recommendation:** Motion to receive and file.

Interim City Manager Garcia provided details of the report addressing background and CDBG funds available for mobile homes. The amount available is \$50,000 and Mr. Garcia addressed applications, prioritization of Green Lantern and applications and reported that those Federal funds cannot be used on mobile homes that have violations

such as illegal additions or additions that are not permitted. Those mobile homes are not eligible, regardless of the crisis. He noted that many people will not qualify for the funds. He added that the funds available translate to approximately seven (7) mobile home parks whereby the funds can be utilized. The pot of money is not big enough for the number of people who have submitted requests. He added that he does not have an accurate list of the seven (7) mobile home parks that can receive funding at this time.

Councilmember Oliva expressed disappointment that complete information was not provided when the idea was first presented to Council. Additionally, the necessary requirements were not made clear to residents. She indicated that the process should have been carefully reviewed before it took place. The City should have sent out the complete information to all mobile home parks. She offered to help with distribution of information packets and asked that requirements be included in the packets. She commented on a home that was granted \$8,000 noting that the park was not inspected by the City.

Saul Bolivar commented on the dangers of "cherry-picking" potential recipients. He reported that the process involves prioritization of "first come, first served" and commented on possible challenges with the process. He addressed code violations and the need to be in compliance prior to qualifying for funds.

Interim City Manager Garcia suggested that coordinator Maria Torres attends the next City Council meeting to provide an update and have the CDBG Guide Book available as reference.

Mayor Guerrero expressed concerns regarding the process for awarding the contract and the "first come, first served" approach. He questioned whether the process has been fair or open for anyone to apply. He added that it should not be based on who acted the fastest, but rather on prioritized criteria or a lottery system. He recommended holding off on any award until the matter can be clarified.

Mr. Bolivar indicated that staff will clarify that no awards have been issued and will contact the program manager for additional information and conditions for making the awards.

Discussion followed regarding expiration of CDBG funds and the possibility of adding funds to the single-unit rehabilitation program before the end of the program year.

Mayor Guerrero noted that nothing is guaranteed for the next fiscal year and that Council has to approve the CDBG allocation.

It was noted that Code Enforcement and the CDBG allocation must operate in tandem.

Mayor Guerrero reported that Council needs to understand the implications going forward and that he wants a program that is fair and just and not one that is subject to abuse.

Mr. Bolivar reported that CDBG will audit each transaction.

Mayor Guerrero directed staff to provide an update at the next opportunity to get all of

the facts. He commented positively on the possibility of a lottery or prioritizing awards based on meeting the required criteria.

It was noted that the City cannot turn anyone that qualifies for the program, away.

Discussion followed regarding other areas for which CDBG funds can be utilized and the possibility of assigning a staff member to collect applications and/or respond to questions on the days that Ms. Torres does not work.

Mayor Guerrero requested prioritizing Items No. 6V and 6W before adjourning and tabling the remaining items.

Councilmember Oliva requested also hearing Item No. 6S.

Vice Mayor Garcia expressed concerns with the amount of time taken by Council to discuss specific items. He added that questions regarding contracts should be addressed prior to meetings and that the issue such as graffiti should be done earlier in the meeting when more residents are in attendance. He stressed the need to revisit the structure and efficiency of Council meetings. He suggested tabling Item No. 6S to the next Council meeting for increased transparency.

Mayor Guerrero stated that Items No. 6S, 6V and 6W will be prioritized and the remaining items will be tabled, without objection.

## **6. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- 6A.** Consideration of Resolution No. 14-08, a resolution to establish rules and procedures for staff and City Council interactions with the City Attorney's office.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)**  
**(Resolution No. 14-08 attached)**

***Recommendation:*** Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-08.

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6B.** Discussion item on the pension program.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)**

***Recommendation:*** Motion to receive and file.

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6C.** Update and discussion on the mobile home parks with violations and available CDBG funds for the mobile home parks.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Councilmember Oliva)**

***Recommendation:*** Motion to receive and file.

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6D. Discussion item on State Controller's audit status.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6E. Discussion item on loud noise ordinance.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Councilmember Oliva)**  
**(Municipal Code Section 9.04.020 attached)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6F. Discussion item on a Cudahy Welcome sign.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Vice Mayor Garcia)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6G. Discussion item on City Manager recruitment process and advisory committee.  
**Assigned Department: City Manager**  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6H. Discussion item on the City's Casino License and exploration of a Casino in the City.  
**(Verbal report by Vice Mayor Garcia)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6I. Discussion item to allow soccer to be played at Lugo Park.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Councilmember Oliva)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6J. Consideration of Resolution No. 14-13, Hiring freeze pending approval of FY14/15 budget.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Vice Mayor Garcia)**  
**(Resolution No. 14-13 attached)**

***Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-13.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6K.** Consideration of Resolution No. 14-03, a resolution to modify certain parking citation fees assessed by the City's Municipal Officers and/or Code Enforcement Officers.

**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Councilmember Oliva)  
(Resolution No. 14-03 attached)**

***Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-03***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6L.** Consideration of Resolution No. 14-10, a resolution to establish policy and procedures for city sponsorship or co-sponsorship of certain events held at city facilities.

**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Councilmember Oliva)  
(Resolution No. 14-10 attached)**

***Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-10.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6M.** Consideration of Resolution No. 14-06, a resolution to establish rules and procedures for initiating (and resolving) inquiries into City Council member conduct, as it relates specifically to any provision(s) of the City's code of ethics.

**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)  
(Resolution No. 14-06 attached)**

***Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-06.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6N.** Discussion item on proposed State of the City Address by the Mayor.

**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6O.** Discussion and approval of Cudahy College preparedness program.

**(Verbal report by Councilmember Markovich)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6P.** Discussion on the City to sponsor the One City One book.

**(Verbal report by Councilmember Markovich)  
(List of books attached)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6Q.** Consideration of Resolution No. 14-14, a resolution in support of Senate Bill 828, the Fourth Amendment Protection Act.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Cristian Markovich)**  
**(Resolution No. 14-14 attached)**

***Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-14.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6R.** Consideration of Resolution No. 14-15, a resolution to establish City Councilmember conduct at commission meetings.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Oliva)**  
**(Resolution No. 14-15 attached)**

***Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution No. 14-15.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6S.** Discussion item on graffiti removal progress.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

Mayor Guerrero emphasized the need to comply with the previously-approved ordinance regarding the graffiti removal process and to ensure that the City has enough resources to do so.

Councilmember Oliva expressed concerns with graffiti on sidewalks and suggested monitoring and removing graffiti every two (2) days and the possibility of addressing it on a timelier basis.

Sam Bolivar explained existing challenges with lack of personnel. He noted the need for more people and new equipment to keep up with the amount of graffiti generated in the City.

Mayor Guerrero noted the need to address the matter in order to remove graffiti on a timely basis.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of outsourcing graffiti removal services, establishing high standards for vendors and keeping up with costs.

Ensuing discussion pertained to cleaning up specific locations on a daily basis, evaluating the productivity and efficiency of existing staff and the possibility of allocating funds in the budget for new equipment and resources.

Discussion continued regarding a Sheriff's Department program to photograph and GPS tag incidents of graffiti for increased enforcement. Brief discussion continued regarding the possibility of painting murals at graffiti-prone locations.

An update report will be presented on this matter at the City Council meeting of March 18, 2014, including information regarding what is needed from a resources perspective.

- 6T.** Discussion item on gang intervention strategies including gang intervention subcommittee.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6U.** Discussion item on ongoing city council ethics inquiry.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Vice Mayor Garcia)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was tabled to the next City Council meeting.

- 6V.** Discussion item on commission openings, applications and re-organization.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero and Vice Mayor Garcia)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

City Clerk Bustamante responded to an inquiry from Mayor Guerrero noting that commission terms expire April 30, 2014 and that notices for applications must be released ten (10) days prior to deadlines.

Mayor Guerrero reported that the City of Bell has no commissions and that Council has taken on that responsibility. He indicated that is not advisable for Cudahy and commented on the importance of a Planning Commission. He suggested the need to evaluate whether other existing commissions are providing value to the City. He added that Parks and Recreation provides an important function as well as the Aging and Senior Commission. He questioned the function of the Public Safety Commission. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of restructuring the commissions next month rather than waiting until April and doing a full restructuring of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Aging and Senior Commission.

Councilmember Oliva stated she would like the application process to begin now.

Discussion followed regarding holding off on posting vacancy notices until the next City Council meeting, holding off on the Public Safety Commission and Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Garcia, seconded by Oliva, and carried (2 – 1 – 1) to open the application process for the Aging and Senior Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission with a view towards appointments in April and a full restructuring of the

Aging and Senior Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission on the first meeting in March, 2014.

AYES: Oliva, Garcia  
NOES: Sanchez  
ABSENT: Markovich  
ABSTAIN: Guerrero

**6W.** Discussion item on NALEO membership for commissioners.  
**(Verbal report by Mayor Guerrero)**

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

Mayor Guerrero addressed discussions on this matter and reported that two (2) Commissioners from each commission will be reimbursed for their membership fee. He reported that this has turned into a contentious issue. He requested holding off/rescinding paying for two (2) members of each commission and addressing future training opportunities on a case-by-case basis.

**6X.** Discussion item on proposed facility use by Club Sabor Latino.

***Recommendation: Motion to receive and file.***

The aforementioned item was eliminated from the agenda.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 12:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
INTERIM CITY CLERK