

MINUTES

CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL REGUAR MEETING and CITY OF CUDAHY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY and HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CUDAHY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

August 21, 2018 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor / Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Member Gonzalez
Council / Agency Member Sanchez
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Hernandez
Mayor / Chair Garcia

ABSENT: Council / Agency Member Markovich

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Jose E. Pulido, City Attorney Richard Padilla Deputy Attorney Martin de los Angeles, Deputy City Clerk Richard Iglesias, Finance Director Steven Dobrenen, Assistant City Engineer, Aaron Hernandez, and Administrative Aide Andres Rangel.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Baru Sanchez.

4. PRESENTATIONS – NONE

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maria Bocanegra, asked City Council to not reduce school crossing guards citing student and pedestrian safety.

Pamela Munguila, spoke against City Council for cutting CDBG funding for school crossing guard services. She argues there is no reason to cut funding for that service given its relatively small cost at \$20,000. She went on to cite a pedestrian incident that happened earlier that day, regarding a student from Ellen Ochoa Elementary School. She spoke against Council for increasing its salary while simultaneously cutting crossing guard services. She concluded her comments by speaking against Council Member Sanchez for his constant absences.

Patricia Covarrubias, alleged to members of the public that three Council Members do not live in the City, and therefore do not care for its residents. She went on to accuse Council Member Gonzalez of only recently moving to the City to be appointed to the City Council. She went on to accuse Vice Mayor Hernandez of doing the same, and alleging Mayor Garcia lives in Lawndale. She went on to speak against Council for cutting funding for school crossing guard services and allegedly increasing Council salaries, arguing said decisions were not in the interest of

residents. She also argued against the proposed parcel tax, reminding Council they will be removed in the November elections.

Cecilia G., spoke against Council's decision cutting funding for school crossing guards.

William Tejada, spoke against Council for cutting funding for school crossing guards, arguing the decision will lead to more students being hit by vehicles. He reminded Council that Elizabeth Street, among other streets, are congested with traffic in the morning. Therefore, crossing guards are needed to reduce accidents. He cited the recent student getting hit by a vehicle, excessive drug use, recent shooting at Clara Expansion Park, and emphasized that Council needs to put more attention in what is happening in the City.

Karina Mengiua, spoke against Council's decision to cut funding for school crossing guards, reminding Council a student was hit by a vehicle earlier that day. She went on to speak against Council Member Gonzalez for assuming a seat in the Council despite residents not voting him in. She alleged the direction City Council is taking is worse than the past Council. She concluded her comments by urging Council to make change that will benefit the City, as she believes the Council has yet to deliver on that promise.

Javier Flores, spoke against the Council decision to cut funding for school crossing guards. He asked Council to save money by cutting Council and administrative salaries, rather than cutting crossing guard services. He went on to speak against the city manager and the Council for approving an excessive number of cannabis development agreements. He concluded his comments by urging Council to find better revenue options.

Karina Rosas, asked Council to provide more youth programs as well as increase park police vigilance, referencing the recent shooting at Clara Expansion Park.

Miranda, spoke against item 10D of the agenda arguing the City has already spent \$140,224 for ONE Cudahy Magazine. She reminded residents that the item will approve further funding for a magazine that is not environmentally friendly or economically justifiable will total costing a total of \$184,224. She went on to speak against the Council for allocating funds in the FY 18-19 budget for a currently unapproved expenditure, while there are holes to the budget, program cuts, and deplorable park conditions. She argued there should be better alternatives to print media, asking why the item is being discussed when a City magazine is a luxury. She went on to speak against the agreement's use of Prop A and Prop C funds to pay for the magazine's expenses.

Stephany Beltran, told Vice Mayor Hernandez that a just cause eviction ordinance is not enough to protect residents living in the mixed use overlay zone. She argued the ordinance will not protect residents from the Ellis Act, potentially threatening tenants in the overlay zone with eviction notices if landowners choose to switch to the cannabis business. She cited Business Insider magazine in explaining 420 Realty is a subsidiary of well-resourced Canadian company High Hampton Holdings, arguing the company has enough resources to buy off residential properties and convert them to industrial cannabis businesses, at the expense of tenant displacement.

Nai Huitzilopochtli, applauded Council in its efforts to combat racism and spoke against former Council Member Guerrero for his association with Arthur Schaper and Harim. He went on to speak against Immigration Customs Enforcement and President Donald Trump.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Sanchez, expressed his condolences for the student hit by a vehicle. He went on to direct the city manager to specify the schools that will have its crossing guards reduced. He explained per his conversation with the finance director, crossing guards will only be reduced to schools where the Safe Routes to School projects occurred. He specified there will still be crossing guards in high traffic areas like the intersections of Atlantic and Live Oak, Otis and Clara, among others. He went on to clarify the site the pedestrian incident took place does not have a crossing guard. He announced an upcoming L.A. River workshop event hosted in the City. He concluded his comments by announcing From Lot to Spot is coordinating with Park Avenue Elementary School to convert a vacant lot into a small pocket park as well as his concerns over a specific agenda item.

Council Member Gonzalez, agreed there must be safe routes to schools, recommended working with school principals to conclude which routes and crossing guard areas work best for pedestrian-student safety. He went on to explain after school programs like the YMCA are critical to student safety. He asked for more information in regards to recent shooting police reports. He concluded his comments by encouraging residents to attend the L.A. River workshop.

Vice Mayor Hernandez, updated YMCA programs expansion. He announced signups are available for YMCA soccer program as well as roller hockey. He went on to explain student crossing safety starts with drivers respecting speed zones. Therefore, a greater emphasis in having drivers obey speed laws will lead to substantially less incidents in student crossing zones. He concluded his comments clarifying no cannabis development projects are going to operate in a residential property.

Mayor Garcia, explained the Council makes efforts to do anything in its power to reduce homicides and gun related violence, as it assumes the responsibility to keep the community safe.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT (information only)

8. REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC, ADVISORY, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Recommendation: Approve the Waiver of Full Reading of Resolutions and Ordinances.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Mayor Hernandez, and Mayor Garcia to waive full text reading of all Resolutions and Ordinances by single motion.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 10C through 10D)

COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ PULLED ITEM 10C AND 10D

- A. Approval of the City Demands and Payroll Including Cash and Investment Report for the Month of June 2018**

Presented by the Finance Director

The City Council is requested to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$809,354.90 including Cash and Investment Report by Fund for the month of June 2018.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Mayor Hernandez, and seconded by Mayor Garcia to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$809,354.90 including Cash and Investment Report by Fund for the month of June 2018. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Gonzalez, Sanchez, Hernandez, and Garcia
NOES: None
ABSENT: Markovich
ABSTAIN: None

B. Approval of the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) for the Month of June 2018
Presented by the Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Presented by the Finance Director

The City Council is requested to approve the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report for the month of June 2018 in the amount of \$5,329,851.17.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Mayor Hernandez, and seconded by Mayor Garcia to approve the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report for the month of June 2018 in the amount of \$5,329,851.17. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Gonzalez, Sanchez, Hernandez, and Garcia
NOES: None
ABSENT: Markovich
ABSTAIN: None

C. Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of August 7, 2018, for the Regular Meeting of the City Council and the Joint Meeting of the City of Cudahy as Successor Agency and Housing Successor Agency to the Cudahy Development Commission

Presented by the Deputy City Clerk

The City Council is requested to review and approve the City Council / Agency Draft Minutes for August 7, 2018.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Mayor Hernandez, and seconded by Mayor Garcia to review and approve the City Council / Agency Draft Minutes for August 7, 2018. The motion carried (3-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Gonzalez, Hernandez, and Garcia
NOES: None
ABSENT: Markovich
ABSTAIN: Sanchez

D. Approval of a Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with FUEL Creative Group

Presented by the City Manager

The City Council is requested to approve a Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with FUEL Creative Group for the City's quarterly magazine design services, extending the term by one year, expiring June 30, 2019.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Sanchez, and seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to table 10D to the next regularly scheduled staff meeting with the incorporation of adding bulk mail services to distribute the ONE Cudahy Magazine to city residents. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Gonzalez, Sanchez, Hernandez, and Garcia
NOES: None
ABSENT: Markovich
ABSTAIN: None

E. Adoption of Resolution No. 18-43 Opposing Proposition 6 (Repeal of SB1 Transportation Funding)

Presented by the Deputy City Clerk

The City Council is requested to consider approving Resolution No. 18-43 Opposing Proposition 6 (Repeal of SB1 Transportation Funding).

Motion: It was moved by Vice Mayor Hernandez, and seconded by Mayor Garcia to consider approving Resolution No. 18-43 Opposing Proposition 6 (Repeal of SB1 Transportation Funding). The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Gonzalez, Sanchez, Hernandez, and Garcia
NOES: None
ABSENT: Markovich
ABSTAIN: None

11. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

12. BUSINESS SESSION

A. Approval of First Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the Law Office of Glenn Ward Calsada for Cannabis Regulation Consulting and Litigation Services

Presented by The City Manager

The City Council is requested to approve a First Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the Law Office of Glenn Ward Calsada for Cannabis Regulation Consulting and Litigation Services.

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Garcia and seconded by Vice Mayor Hernandez to approve a First Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the Law Office of Glenn Ward Calsada for Cannabis Regulation Consulting and Litigation Services. The motion carried (3-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Markovich, Hernandez, and Garcia
NOES: None
ABSENT: Markovich
ABSTAIN: Sanchez

13. COUNCIL DISCUSSION – NONE

Mayor Garcia

- i. LAUSD School Board District 5 Vacancy

Vice Mayor Hernandez

- i. Just Cause Eviction Ordinance

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney, Richard Padilla recessed the meeting to close session at 7:55 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation-Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1):
Name of Case: Cudahy Citizens v. City of Cudahy, et al. (Case No. BS174212)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

City Attorney Richard Padilla reconvened the Regular Meeting in Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

15. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Richard Padilla reported an update an overview was provided by special counsel. Feedback was given but not final action was taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council / Agency meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Chris Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard Iglesias
Deputy City Clerk