

## MINUTES

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

February 5, 2019 6:30 P.M.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor / Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council / Agency Member Guerrero  
Council / Agency Member Lozoya  
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Alcantar  
Mayor / Chair Gonzalez

ABSENT: Council / Agency Member Garcia

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

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gonzalez.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation by the California Conservation Corps

A presentation was made by representative of the organization to inform Council of its services and its role it wishes to provide for the City.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Luis Melliz, shared flyers about work being done in the community on behalf of his organization. He asked to reserve Turner Hall's small conference room.

Jack Guerrero, protested the City's alleged scheme to ram through additional taxes on the community. He referenced last year's elections as a clear indicator that Cudahy residents reject alleged corruption, lavish contracts, excessive compensation for senior management, unfunded and unsustainable pension obligations which have exceeded the General Fund's revenue for the fiscal year, and regressive taxation on working families. He expressed his pride in joining the working class community in rejecting the proposed ballot parcel property tax, potentially hurting residents' ability to obtain basic amenities. He reminded Council of the resounding rejection both property tax measures faced in 2017 and 2018. He concluded his comments by arguing

excessive taxing schemes are immoral, inefficient, and leads to decreased productivity, which in turn decreases an entity's overall revenue.

Susie de Santiago, submitted a petition to reinstate crossing guards at Elizabeth Learning Center. She went on to argue it is still highly dangerous for pedestrians to cross during peak school hours due to traffic congestion and speeding. She went on to cite a Sheriff Department's report that highlighted an increase in accidents and near hit instances in that area.

Javier Flores, expressed his support in regards to item 13A. He highlighted Cudahy residents do not want recreational cannabis businesses. He cited City youth's quality of life and future aspirations being deteriorated due to the presence of those cannabis businesses in the City. He went on to express his support for item 13B, arguing a Cudahy resident should be given the opportunity to manage the City. He also asked Council to bring back the crossing guard that helped kids cross at Elizabeth Learning Center.

## **6. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Guerrero, thanked members of the public for attending the meeting. He noted there are a number of important items on the agenda for tonight, wishing more residents attended the meetings and see how Council Members vote. He affirmed that he is there to fight and defend Cudahy residents and the betterment of the community. He concluded his comments by mentioning he is looking forward to interacting with residents after the meeting.

Vice Mayor Alcantar, thanked members of the public for attending the Council Meeting. She highlighted the City's homeless count that took place January 23<sup>rd</sup>, its Neighborhood Watch Meeting that took place in Clara block, as well as the Fruit Tree Giveaway, which distributed 160 trees to community members, and announced Elizabeth Learning Center's high school students competing in an academic decathlon event. She went on to announce Operation Firefly, an educational cyclist event in the City. She concluded her comments by expressing the importance of agenda item 13B and the frequent hits that occur due to a lack of crossing guards.

Mayor Gonzalez, reminded the City of Dodgers RBI program still being in open enrollment. He announced the student led school forum happening tomorrow at 6 p.m. at Turner Hall. He directed staff to reach out to Mr. Melliz and see how they can help him subsidize facility rental fees. He agreed with Vice Mayor Alcantar on the importance of crossing guards, and mentioned the importance on amending the budget to accommodate those services.

## **7. CITY MANAGER REPORT (information only)**

## **8. REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC, ADVISORY, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS – NONE**

## **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 Alcantar, and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to waive full text reading of all Resolutions and Ordinances by single motion.

## **10. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 10A and B were pulled by Council Member Guerrero.)**

**A.** Approval of the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) for the Month of December 2018

Presented by the Finance Director

The City Council is requested to approve the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report for the month of December 2018 in the amount of \$3,931,903.12.

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Alcantar, and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to approve the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report for the month of December 2018 in the amount of \$3,931,903.12. The motion carried (2-2-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Alcantar and Gonzalez  
NOES: Guerrero and Lozoya  
ABSENT: Garcia  
ABSTAIN: None

**B. Approval of the City Demands and Payroll Including Cash and Investment Report for the Month of December 2018**

Presented by the Finance Director

The City Council is requested to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$421,697.41 including Cash and Investment Report by Fund for the month of December 2018.

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Alcantar, and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$421,697.41 including Cash and Investment Report by Fund for the month of December 2018. The motion carried (2-2-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Alcantar and Gonzalez  
NOES: Guerrero and Lozoya  
ABSENT: Garcia  
ABSTAIN: None

**C. Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of December 18, 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 / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for December 18, 2018.

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Alcantar, and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to review and approve the City Council / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for December 18, 2018. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Guerrero, Lozoya, Alcantar and Gonzalez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Garcia  
ABSTAIN: None

- D.** Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of January 15, 2019, 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 / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for January 15, 2019.

**Motion:** It was moved by Vice Mayor Alcantar, and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to review and approve the City Council / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for January 15, 2019. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Guerrero, Lozoya, Alcantar and Gonzalez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Garcia  
ABSTAIN: None

## **11. PUBLIC HEARING**

## **12. BUSINESS SESSION**

- A.** Approval of Co-Sponsorship on behalf of The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Pat Brown Institute (PBI), and The League of Women Voters (LWVC) for the usage of Clara Park (Turner Hall) to host the Los Angeles Unified School District Board District (LAUSD) 5 Candidate Forum

Presented by the Assistant Recreation Program Coordinator

The City Council is requested to approve co-sponsorship on behalf of the YMCA Metropolitan Los Angeles for the LAUSD District Board 5 Candidate Forum to take place on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to be held at Clara Park (Turner Hall) 4835 Clara Street, Cudahy, CA 90201.

**Motion:** It was motioned by Vice Mayor Alcantar and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to approve co-sponsorship on behalf of the YMCA Metropolitan Los Angeles for the LAUSD District Board 5 Candidate Forum. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Guerrero, Lozoya, Alcantar, and Gonzalez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Garcia  
ABSTAIN: None

## **13. COUNCIL DISCUSSION – NONE**

### **A.** Council Member Guerrero

- i. Repeal and cancellation of marijuana-related Resolution No. 18-68
- ii. Consideration of Councilmember Motion to Have the City Council Issue Notice to the City Manager as Required by Contract to Initiate the Annual Performance Evaluation Process; and to Propose Possible Dates for the Commencement of

the Performance Evaluation Process, Inclusive of Pre-Evaluation Discussions in Preparation for the Performance Evaluation

**B.** Vice Mayor Alcantar

- i. Include Crossing Guards to Mid-Year Budget

**C.** Mayor Gonzalez

- i. Council Retreat Planning Session

**14. CLOSED SESSION – NONE**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council / Agency meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Jose Gonzalez  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richard Iglesias  
Deputy City Clerk