

MINUTES

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

January 7, 2020 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor / Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council / Agency Member Guerrero
Council / Agency Member Lozoya

Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Alcantar
Mayor / Chair Gonzalez

ABSENT: Garcia

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager Santor Nishizaki, Deputy City Attorney, Victor Ponto, Human Resources Manager, Jennifer Hernandez, and Assistant City Clerk, Richard Iglesias.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Alcantar.

4. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Guerrero, reminded Council of its commitment to initiate a methodical, community engaged, and transparent search for a permanent city manager, ideally with the competence and experiences to steer through the many challenges ahead, with temperament and integrity to inspire approbation of the people. He further noted the Council dynamic has reached a point of inflection, and therefore invited his colleagues to seize this unique moment. He continued to highlight his concern with the City's internal control environment, extending an olive branch with the hope the Council can remediate the current conditions together. He referenced the state controller's recommendations during its authoritative report from 2014. He specifically cited that the city should develop a comprehensive remedial plan to address the deficiencies, as well as identifying milestones and timelines for completion, and requiring periodic public updates on the progress in implementing the remedial plan.

Irene Silvestre, asked for support for her son who will participate in a kickboxing tournament. She further commented on a past incident on River Rd and Cecilia Street, where a driver crashed on the street and asked for a speed bump or more safety measures. She also commented on the excessive debris and bulky items in the City, specifically residents who do not put bulky items on days they are supposed to do so.

A resident, asked Council to pay attention to the comments that are given to council by residents during public comment. She further spoke about the lack of speed bumps in certain areas of the City. She commented on the lack of city parking, as well as a lack of stop signs or crosswalks in certain parts of the City. She asked Council to develop measures to address residents who do not place their bulky items on days that are supposed to be picked up. She concluded her comments by asking Council members to listen to Council Member Guerrero.

Martha Fierro, commented on dirty streets along River Road as well as its lack of safety.

Cecilia Barajas, talked about vandalism throughout the City as well as the increase in homeless individuals in the City. She concluded her comments by wishing the incoming mayor the best.

6. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Lozoya, thanked the Council for its accomplishments last year. She went on to remind residents the Council does what the residents ask, not what the Council wants.

Council Member Guerrero, asked the City Clerk to add a discussion item regarding the City's properties, particularly those that are slated for sale as part of the Successor Agency, and present what plans there are for those properties. He went on to remind Council of its commitment to initiate a methodical, community engaged, and transparent search for a permanent city manager, ideally with the competence and experiences to steer through the many challenges ahead, with temperament and integrity to inspire approbation of the people. He further noted the Council dynamic has reached a point of inflection, and therefore invited his colleagues to seize this unique moment. He continued to highlight his concern with the City's internal control environment, extending an olive branch with the hope the Council can remediate the current conditions together. He referenced the state controller's recommendations during its authoritative report from 2014. He specifically cited that the city should develop a comprehensive remedial plan to address the deficiencies, as well as identifying milestones and timelines for completion, and requiring periodic public updates on the progress in implementing the remedial plan

Vice Mayor Alcantar, looked back at all the accomplishments the City made the prior year. She highlighted the steps the City has made to increase public safety, street cleanliness, and graffiti. She commented on the toy giveaway and its success reflected by the high turnout.

Mayor Gonzalez, thanked residents and City staff for the progress that has been made in 2019. He commented on the adoption of the two year strategic plan and its importance on prioritizing objectives for the next two years. He thanked Vice Mayor Alcantar for her involvement and contributions throughout the year. He commented on the high speed rail and the steps that need to be taken by the City to move forward. He further discussed the steps the community preservation department has made to keep streets clean. He expressed his excitement on vice chairing the auditing committee with Council Member Guerrero. He concluded his comments by commending Lieutenant Mejia for his promotion to captain.

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

Motion: It was moved by Vice Mayor Alcantar and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to waive the full reading of resolutions and ordinances. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

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

10. CONSENT CALENDAR (COUNCIL MEMBER GUERRERO PULLED ITEMS A AND B FOR DISCUSSION)

A. Adoption of Proposed Resolution No. 20-01 Superseding and Repealing Resolution No. 19-02, and Amending the Fringe Benefits and Salary Plan Establishing Provisions for All Full-time Employees, Hourly Employees, and Appointed Officials

Presented by the Human Resources Manager

The City Council is requested to approve proposed Resolution No. 20-01 superseding and repealing Resolution No. 19-02, fringe benefits and salary plan establishing provisions for all full-time employees, hourly employees, and appointed officials.

Motion: It was moved by Vice Mayor Alcantar and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to approve proposed Resolution No. 20-01 superseding and repealing Resolution No. 19-02, fringe benefits and salary plan establishing provisions for all full-time employees, hourly employees, and appointed officials. The motion carried (3-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

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

11. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

12. BUSINESS SESSION

A. Authorize the Acting City Manager to Execute a Regulatory Process Review Letter for Glo Green, LLC on behalf of the City of Cudahy

Presented by the City Attorney's Office

The City Council is requested to authorize the Acting City Manager to execute a Regulatory Process Review Letter for Glo Green, LLC on behalf of the City of Cudahy.

Motion: It was motioned by Council Member Guerrero and Seconded by Vice Mayor Alcantar to authorize the Acting City Manager to execute a Regulatory Process Review Letter for Glo Green, LLC on behalf of the City of Cudahy. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote.

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

B. City Council Reorganization - Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor for a One-Year Term

Presented by the Assistant City Clerk

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Select a Mayor and Vice Mayor for a one-year term; and
2. Receive presentations for the outgoing Mayor.

Mayor Gonzalez nominated Vice Mayor Alcantar as Mayor for a one-year term. The motion carried (2-1-1) by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Alcantar, and Gonzalez
NOES: Guerrero
ABSENT: Garcia
ABSTAIN: Lozoya

Vice Mayor Alcantar nominated Council Member Gonzalez for a one-year term. 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

14. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

15. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council / Agency meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Jose R. Gonzalez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard Iglesias
Assistant City Clerk