

MINUTES

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

February 7, 2023 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council / Agency Member Cynthia Gonzalez
Council / Agency Member Martin Fuentes
Council / Agency Member Elizabeth Alcantar
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Jose R. Gonzalez (joined 7:03 p.m.)
Mayor / Chair Daisy Lomeli

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Alfonso Noyola, City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga, City Clerk, Richard Iglesias, Assistant City Clerk, Estefania Zamora, Finance Director, Joshua Calhoun, Administrative Services Director, Brenda Rodriguez, Community Development Director, Juan Arauz, Management Analyst, Andres Rangel, Executive Assistant, Janet Andrade

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Fuentes.

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Land Acknowledgment was led by Council Member Alcantar.

We would like to acknowledge that the land we inhabit today was once known as Tovangaar, the home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. We show our respects to the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, as well as all Indigenous people, past, present, and future, and honor their labor as original caretakers of this land. We commit to uplifting the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, invite you to acknowledge the history, and join us in caring for this land.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognition of Muralist Carlos Conde, Jaime Velasco, and Teresa Hughes Elementary School

6. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

At 6:53 p.m. City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga recessed to Closed session.

7. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title of Employee: City Manager

Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator
City's Designated Representative: Stephanie Arechiga, City Attorney
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

- B. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Potential Litigation – One Matter

8. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

At 7:34 p.m., City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga reconvened to open session, announced direction to move the closed session to the end of the meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susie de Santiago spoke on the reopening of the Lugo Park and asked Council to support Cudahy Youth foundation on waiving the fees for their firework stand.

10. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS / REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Fuentes mentioned his participation in the League of California Cities conference and attendance at the reopening of the Tech Center at Lugo Park.

Council Member C. Gonzalez thanked everyone, asked staff to plan to address the City's cleanliness, mentioned a possible way to track how Public Works is addressing the concerns with cleanliness through an application, and commented on the youth center workout area in the gym needing severe repairs.

Council Member Alcantar mentioned her attendance at the Assemblymember Pacheco swearing in ceremony, mural reveal, and Tech Center reopening, stated she will be speaking on a virtual platica with Latinas Lead, asked Council to consider adjourning the meeting in honor of Martha Fierro.

Vice Mayor J. Gonzalez thanked staff and spoke on the reopening of the Tech Center at Lugo Park.

Mayor Lomeli thanked staff, asked staff to use of Nixiel to share any resources not just city events, spoke on the mural reveal, grand reopening of the Tech Center, announced

Aztec dance group now practices on Thursdays, Poderosos a Pie walks on Monday and Wednesdays, thanked everyone who attend the Housing Rights workshops, worked with staff to have community clean-ups, and supports the adjournment of Martha Fierro and asked staff to invite Martha Fierro's family to a future meeting to honor her.

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT (information only)

A. Parking Citations Reporting

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

A. Reports regarding Rent Control Ad Hoc Committee and Education Ad Hoc Committee meetings

Council Member Alcantar spoke on Rent Control Ad Hoc having a meeting next Thursday getting closer to more detail, thanked staff and for the best practices they have seen regarding rent control.

Council Member C. Gonzalez going through policies, lessons learned, and protect the most vulnerable residents in the community whether renter or landlords.

13. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion: Council Member Alcantar motioned to waive full reading of resolutions and ordinances, seconded by Council Member Fuentes. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: C. Gonzalez, Fuentes, Alcantar, J. Gonzalez, and Lomeli
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of January 10, 2023, Special Meeting and January 17, 2023, 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 City Clerk

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to review and approve the City Council / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for January 10, 2023, and January 17, 2023.

B. Approval of Proposed Resolution No. 23-04 Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the City Council,

City Boards, and all Commissions of the City of Cudahy, for the Period from February 7, 2023, through February 28, 2023, Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions

Presented by the City Attorney

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to approve proposed Resolution No. 23-04 proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City of Cudahy, for the period from February 7, 2023, through February 28, 2023, pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act provisions.

C. Consideration to Amend the Scope of the Public Utilities Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by the City Clerk

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to amend the scope of the Public Utilities Ad Hoc Committee to the Water Ad Hoc Committee.

D. Consideration to Dissolve Inactive Ad Hoc Committees

Presented by the City Clerk

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to consider dissolving inactive Ad Hoc Committees.

Motion: Vice Mayor J.Gonzalez motioned to approve Consent Calendar items, seconded by Council Member Alcantar. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: C. Gonzalez, Fuentes, Alcantar, J. Gonzalez, and Lomeli
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

15. PUBLIC HEARING

A. City of Cudahy 6th Cycle Housing Element Update

Presented by the Community Development Director

Recommendation: Staff recommends that The City Council hear staff presentation on an update of the City's Draft 6th Cycle Housing Element, open the floor for public comments and questions, and provide Council comments and questions to staff.

At 8:56 p.m. Mayor Lomeli opened public comment

Public Comments:

Susie de Santiago commented on the additional 400 units to meet the requirement, sees Cudahy as very densely populated, does not know where those units will be, and need to start looking into homes for people to buy.

At 9:02 p.m. Mayor Lomeli closed public comment.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS ONLY, NO MOTION

16. BUSINESS SESSION

- A.** Approval of a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the Law Offices of Glenn Ward Calsada Cannabis Regulation Consulting Services

Presented by the Management Analyst

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the Law Offices of Glenn Ward Calsada Cannabis Regulation Consulting Services for cannabis-related activities in the City.

Motion: Council Member Fuentes motioned to approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with the Law Offices of Glenn Ward Calsada Cannabis Regulation Consulting Services for cannabis-related activities in the City, seconded by Council Member Alcantar. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: C. Gonzalez, Fuentes, Alcantar, J. Gonzalez, and Lomeli
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- B.** Adoption of a Proposed Resolution No. 23-05 Amending the City of Cudahy Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 City Budget

Presented by the Finance Director

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to Receive and file the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Mid-Year Budget review and related reports; and Adopt proposed Resolution No. 23-05 amending the City of Cudahy Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 City Budget.

Motion: Vice Mayor Gonzalez motioned to receive and file the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Mid-Year Budget review and related reports; and adopt proposed Resolution No. 23-05 amending the City of Cudahy Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 City Budget, seconded by Council Member Fuentes. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: C. Gonzalez, Fuentes, Alcantar, J. Gonzalez, and Lomeli
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

17. COUNCIL DISCUSSION – NONE

City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga recessed to Closed session.

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City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga reconvened to open session, announced direction was given to bring back both items to the next meeting, no further reportable action.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Alcantar motioned to adjourn the City Council / Agency meeting in hour of Martha Fiero at 10:07 p.m., seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzalez. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: C. Gonzalez, Fuentes, Alcantar, J. Gonzalez, and Lomelí
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Daisy Lomelí
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard Iglesias
City Clerk

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