

## 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 21, 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  
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, Public Works Director, Aaron Hernandez, Management Analyst, Andres Rangel, and 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. Proclamation in Honor of Martha Alejandra Fierro

## 6. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

At 6:45 p.m., City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga recessed to closed session.

## 7. CLOSED SESSION (*Continued at end of meeting*)

- 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

At 7:32 p.m., Mayor Lomelí reconvened to open session.

## 8. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Stephanie Arechiga announced Closed Session will be continued to the end of the meeting and there is no reportable action at this time.

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

## 10. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS / REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Fuentes publicly thanked fellow council members, staff, City Manager, Supervisor Hahn's office, and Matt Johnson for the recognition they had in honor of his mother, also commented on the old County office as a possible Civic Center would like to further discuss, asked for the city to lead in our region for flying the Pride flag during LGBTQ week.

Council Member C. Gonzalez spoke on cleanliness and different strategies we can do to address how the city looks, commented on the gym at Lugo Park needing infrastructure upgrades, looks forward to working on the LA Unified MOU, future looking for an education commission to oversee the MOU, and shared she will be taking Gemma with SCDC to visit SOLA tech center.

Council Member Alcantar shared her attendance at the LA County City Selection Committee meeting to vote for the next designee and invited the public to participate in the grand reopening in South Gate on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Lomeli commented on the funding received by the senior housing project developer, thanked staff for all the programs, echoed the need for cleanliness, mentioned the idea of quarterly clean-ups, and shared more ideas for the LGBTQ in the community feel safe.

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

#### **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

Administrative Services Director reported on behalf of the Education Ad Hoc Committee and the Community Development Director reported on behalf of the Rent Control Ad Hoc Committee.

#### **13. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**Motion:** Council Member Fuentes motioned to waive full reading of resolutions and ordinances, seconded by Council Member C. Gonzalez. 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. Approval of the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) for the Month of January 2023

*Presented by the Finance Director*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to approve the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report for the month of January 2023 in the amount of \$11,320,218.61.

- B. Adoption of the City Demands and Payroll Including Statement of Investment for the Month of January 2023

*Presented by the Finance Director*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$1,361,705.72 including the Statement of Investments for the month of January 2023.

- C. Informational Item – ARPA Utilization Plan Monthly Report (January 2023)

*Presented by the Finance Director*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to receive and file the ARPA Utilization Plan Monthly Report for the month of January 2023.

- D.** Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of February 7, 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 February 7, 2023.

**Motion:** Council Member Alcantar motioned to approve Consent Calendar items, seconded by Council Member C. Gonzalez. 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 – NONE**

#### **16. BUSINESS SESSION**

- A.** Consideration to Award a Professional Services Agreement to Global Reach Strategies (GRS) for Cannabis Consulting Services

*Presented by the Community Development Director*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to approve the following: 1. Award a professional services agreement to Global Reach Strategies (GRS) for cannabis consulting services and; 2. Adopt Resolution No. 23-06 to augment the Fiscal Year 22-23 City Budget, appropriating an additional \$75,000.00 for Cannabis Consulting Services.

**Motion:** Council Member Fuentes motioned to approve the following: 1. Award a professional services agreement to Global Reach Strategies (GRS) for cannabis consulting services and; 2. Adopt Resolution No. 23-06 to augment the Fiscal Year 22-23 City Budget, appropriating an additional \$75,000.00 for Cannabis Consulting Services, seconded by Council Member C. Gonzalez. 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. Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. 23-07, Establishing Policies and Procedures for the Naming of City Owned Land, Building, and Facilities**

*Presented by the Administrative Services Director*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to adopt Resolution No. 23-07, to establish policies and procedures for the naming of city owned land, building, and facilities.

**Motion:** Mayor Lomeli motioned to adopt Resolution No. 23-07, to establish policies and procedures for the naming of city owned land, building, and facilities, and adding to section 3(i) “aligned with the elements of the city’s land acknowledgement”, 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

**C. Teleconference Meetings After Termination of California Emergency Declaration**

*Presented by the City Attorney*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to direct staff to continue teleconference meeting accommodations for public participation following rescission of the statewide declaration of emergency resulting from the spread of COVID-19 set to expire on February 28, 2023, and establish a policy that only the first two members of the Council, commission, or standing committee, to notify the City Manager or City Clerk of a teleconference participation request, will be granted teleconference meeting privileges under AB 2449.

**Motion:** Council Member Fuentes motioned to direct staff to continue teleconference meeting accommodations for public participation following rescission of the statewide declaration of emergency resulting from the spread of COVID-19 set to expire on February 28, 2023, and establish a policy that only the first two members of the Council, commission, or standing committee, to notify the City Manager or City Clerk of a teleconference participation request, will be granted teleconference meeting privileges under AB 2449, 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

- D. Adoption by First Reading of Ordinance No. 732 Amending Section 2.16.020 (Director of Finance) of Chapter 2.16 (Director of Finance) and Section 2.24.010 (City Treasurer) of Chapter 2.24 (City Treasurer) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Cudahy Municipal Code

*Presented by the City Attorney*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to adopt by first reading Ordinance No. 732, Amending Section 2.16.020 (Director of Finance) of Chapter 2.16 (Director of Finance) and Section 2.24.010 (City Treasurer) of Chapter 2.24 (City Treasurer) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Cudahy Municipal Code.

**Motion:** Council Member Alcantar motioned to adopt by first reading Ordinance No. 732, Amending Section 2.16.020 (Director of Finance) of Chapter 2.16 (Director of Finance) and Section 2.24.010 (City Treasurer) of Chapter 2.24 (City Treasurer) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Cudahy Municipal Code, seconded by Vice Mayor J. Gonzalez. 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

- E. Adoption by First Reading of Ordinance No. 733 Amending Section 20.84.260 (Allowed Temporary Uses) of Part 4 (Temporary Use Permits) of Chapter 20.84 (Permit Procedures) of Title 20 (Zoning) of the Cudahy Municipal Code

*Presented by the City Attorney*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to adopt by first reading Ordinance No. 733, Amending Section 20.84.260 (Allowed Temporary Uses) of Part 4 (Temporary Use Permits) of Chapter 20.84 (Permit Procedures) of Title 20 (Zoning) of the Cudahy Municipal Code.

**Motion:** Council Member Alcantar motioned to bring this item to Economic Ad-Hoc Committee for review, seconded by Vice Mayor J. Gonzalez. 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

- F. Consideration to Appoint Board Members to the Planning Commission

*Presented by the City Clerk*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to review applications and appoint commission applicants to the Planning Commission

**Motion:** Council Member Fuentes motioned to approve Vice Mayor Gonzalez appointment, Crystal Markovich and Council Member Gonzalez appointment, Juan Martinez to serve in the Planning Commission, 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

## 17. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

### A. Council Member Gonzalez

- i. Discuss the format of the council agenda overall.

Council Member C. Gonzalez motioned to bring a resolution/ordinance amending the order of business, seconded by Vice Mayor J. Gonzalez. 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. Council Member Alcantar

- i. Discuss vendor registration, fees, and enforcement.

Council Member Alcantar motioned to continue discussion in the Economic Ad-Hoc, seconded by Vice Mayor J. Gonzalez. 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

## 7. CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED...)

**At 9:36 p.m., City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga recessed to 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

## 8. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga reconvened to open session, announced that all members of the Council were present for both part of closed session, direction was given and no further reportable action.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Fuentes motioned to adjourn the City Council / Agency meeting at 10:33 p.m., seconded by Vice Mayor J. Gonzalez. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

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

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Daisy Lomelí  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richard Iglesias  
City Clerk