

**MINUTES**

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

**March 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 (arrived at 7:30 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, Senior Planner, Cecilia Madrigal-Gonzalez, and Human Resources Manager, Noel Barrajas.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Council Member C. Gonzalez motioned to approve the agenda as is, seconded by Council Member Fuentes. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Fuentes.

**5. 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.*

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

- A.** Presentation by Siemens
- B.** Presentation Transgender Day of Visibility

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michael Chonos mentioned he sent a letter to Council regarding the rent moratorium, stated he is a very compassionate landlord and does not raise the rent but is receiving inadequate rents right now, asked council to stop interfering with a fair market increase.

East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice congratulated the city for doing a good job of supporting tenants and asked Council to extend the rent moratorium.

Susie de Santiago asked Council to make Lugo Park a priority there are many leaks and plumbing issues, also mentioned when something occurs in the city to do a general post on social media to inform residents and need to have City staff out in the field informing residents on the enforcement to take more responsibility to have the city clean.

Irma Lopez asked Council to extend the rent increase moratorium, need a rent control soon to benefit the tenants and landlords and asked for something to be done with parking in the city because there is not enough parking.

## **8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS / REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Fuentes summarized the events he attends since the last Council meeting, asked staff to provide a report as to what the city is planning for pride month, and mentioned he supports businesses, small businesses especially landlords and looks forward to discussing the rent moratorium.

Council Member C. Gonzalez mentioned she visited SOLA tech center, stated the city streets look cleaner, wants to look at the possibility of a parking structure for residents, and spoke in support of SEIU members and thanked UTLA teachers.

Council Member Alcantar commented on wage theft, supports local 99 Members and UTLA Members participated in a summit regarding housing policies, fully supports small business owners and supports the community as a whole, mentioned landlord and tenant issues, Hub Cities has moved to City of South Gate, attended Mayors and City

Managers Roundtable, will be attending SEIU picket, and Women of The Year event celebrating Irma Lopez.

Mayor Lomelí spoke on the SEIU and UTLA strike, encouraged all to come out to support local schools, recognized staff for finding resources, mentioned other elected officials supporting, requested changing the language on the City Council agenda to include the pronouns that support the proclamation (Transgender Day of Visibility) on the agenda, and thanked staff for delivering certificates to Teresa Hughes Elementary and all who participated in the mural at Lugo Park, expressed her excitement in attending new member orientation for Los Angeles County Vector Control.

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

### **10. REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC, ADVISORY, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

#### **A. Report Regarding the Rent Control Ad Hoc Committee Meeting and Education Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**

Community Development Director, Juan Arauz provided updates to the Council on the Rent Control Ad-Hoc Committee meetings.

Administrative Services Director, Brenda Rodriguez provided updates to the Council on the Education Ad-Hoc Committee meetings.

Council Member C. Gonzalez requested to add to the Education Ad-Hoc Committee an element once we put together a proposal.

Mayor Lomelí supported adding the element to Education Ad-Hoc Committee.

### **11. 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 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

### **12. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A. Approval of the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) for the Month of February 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 February 2023 in the amount of \$11,320,218.61.

- B.** Approval of the City Demands and Payroll Including Statement of Investment for the Month of February 2023

Presented by the Finance Director

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$1,006,801.94 including the Statement of Investments for the month of February 2023.

- C.** Informational Item – ARPA Utilization Plan Monthly Report (February 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 February 2023.

- D.** Adoption by Second 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 second 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.

- E.** Adoption by Second Reading of Ordinance No. 734 Repealing Chapter 2.56 (Post-Government Employment Restrictions) 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 second reading Ordinance No. 734, Repealing Chapter 2.56 (Post-Government Employment Restrictions) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Cudahy Municipal Code.

- F.** Parking Citations Reporting

Presented by the Finance Director

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to receive and file the parking citations report.

**G.** Adoption of Proposed Resolution No. 23-14, updating Objectives and Policies for the Planning Commission, Section 2 (IV)

*Presented by the City Clerk*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to adopt proposed Resolution No. 23-14, updating the Objectives and Policies for the Planning Commission, Section 2 (IV).

**Motion:** Council Member Fuentes motioned to approve Consent Calendar items, seconded by Council Member C. Gonzalez. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

### **13. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE**

### **14. BUSINESS SESSION**

**A.** Presentation by the East Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

*Presented by the East Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to receive and file an update on the City of Cudahy crime stats from the East Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

### **NO MOTION – PRESENTATION ONLY**

**B.** Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Municipal Prosecution and Code Enforcement Services

*Presented by the Management Analyst*

**Recommendation:** City Council is requested to award a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to Dapeer, Rosenblit, Litvak LLP for Municipal Prosecution and Code Enforcement Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, annually.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor J. Gonzalez motioned to award a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to Dapeer, Rosenblit, Litvak LLP for Municipal Prosecution and Code Enforcement Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, annually, 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

**C. Consideration to adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Purchase of a City Vehicle**

*Presented by the Management Analyst*

**Recommendation:** The City Council is requested to adopt Resolution No. 23-15 authorize the City Manager to purchase a Public Works vehicle, for a not to exceed amount of \$63,239.80.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor J. Gonzalez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 23-15 authorize the City Manager to purchase a Public Works vehicle, for a not to exceed amount of \$63,239.80., 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. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- A. Council Member Alcantar**
  - i. Discuss the need to create a Tech Ad Hoc Committee

**16. CLOSED SESSION – NONE**

**17. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT – NONE**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council / Agency meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Daisy Lomeli  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richard Iglesias  
City Clerk