

MINUTES

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

August 1, 2023 6:34 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor / Chair Lomelí called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council / Agency Member Cynthia Gonzalez
Council / Agency Member Martin Fuentes
Council / Agency Member Elizabeth Alcantar
Mayor / Chair Daisy Lomelí

ABSENT: Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Jose R. Gonzalez

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Alfonso Noyola, City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga, Assistant City Attorney, Paloma McEvoy, City Clerk, Richard Iglesias, Assistant City Clerk, Estefania Zamora, Assistant to the City Manager, Andres Rangel, Finance Director, Joshua Calhoun, Administrative Services Director, Brenda Rodriguez, Public Works Director, Aaron Hernandez, Community Development Director, Juan Arauz, Senior Planner, Cecilia Madrigal, and Executive Assistant, Janet Andrade.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Fuentes motioned to approve the City Council agenda with no changes, 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

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 Cudahy's Visionary Youth Leaders
- B. Certificate of Recognition to Rent Control Ad Hoc Committee Members

Motion: Council Member Alcantar motioned to table item 6B, 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

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS / REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Fuentes mentioned his participation in the Cities for Self-Reliance JPA Board meeting, attended CA Contract Cities, will be attending other meetings next week, including meeting with the City Manager and Public Works.

Council Member C. Gonzalez mentioned an email regarding a press conference invitation, thanked staff for the city events, commented on attending the park concerts, asked if the city can create promotional videos of city events, and mentioned access to grant dollars.

Council Member Alcantar commented on text messages received regarding rent control and there still being confusion, asked staff to see how we can provide more information by mailer or billboard campaign.

Mayor Lomelí echoed supporting the information campaign on the rent stabilization ordinance, mentioned previous meetings had brought up ways to provide information to families, thanked staff for the workshop, all the events the City is having, supports the idea of promotional videos, thanked staff for including Birthworkers of Color Collective at

city events, mentioned she wants to see a press release, attend and have a ceremony for the changing tables, shared her excitement to see the City app release.

9. CITY MANAGER REPORT (information only)

10. REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC, ADVISORY, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NONE

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. Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of July 18, 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 July 18, 2023.

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 Lomelí
NOES: None
ABSENT: J. Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

13. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

14. BUSINESS SESSION

A. Cudahy LA River Area Improvement Project Presentation

Presented by the Public Works Director/SWA Group Consultant

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to receive and file.

NO MOTION – PRESENTATION ONLY

B. Review of Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan

Presented by the Community Development Director/Willdan Consultant

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to take the following action(s):

1. Review, discuss, and provide feedback on the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan (“EDSP”).
2. Direct staff to bring back the EDSP, with feedback received, for City Council adoption at a future City Council regular meeting.

Motion: Council Member Fuentes motioned to direct staff to bring back the Economic Development Strategic Plan, with feedback received for City Council adoption at a future City Council regular meeting, 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

C. Declaration of surplus property pursuant to Government Code Section 54220 et. seq. located at 8100 – 8110 Atlantic Avenue and 4720 – 4734 Santa Ana Street, in the City of Cudahy, California, County of Los Angeles (APNs: 6224-018-911, 6224-018-912, 6224-018-913, 6224-018-914, and 6224-018-915)

Presented by the Community Development Director

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council of the City of Cudahy (the “City”): find that the declaration of surplus property is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and Adopt Resolution No. 23-37 declaring that the properties located at 8100 – 8110 Atlantic Avenue and 4720 – 4734 Santa Ana Street (APNs: 6224-018-911, 6224-018-912, 6224-018-913, 6224-018-914, and 6224-018-915) are surplus land and are no longer necessary for the City’s use;

and Direct the City Manager to follow the procedures set forth in the Surplus Lands Act (“SLA”), (Gov. Code § 54220, et seq.), for the sale of surplus land.

Motion: Council Member Fuentes motioned to (1): find that the declaration of surplus property is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); (2): adopt Resolution No. 23-37 declaring that the properties located at 8100 – 8110 Atlantic Avenue and 4720 – 4734 Santa Ana Street (APNs: 6224-018-911, 6224-018-912, 6224-018-913, 6224-018-914, and 6224-018-915) are surplus land and are no longer necessary for the City’s use; and (3): direct the City Manager to follow the procedures set forth in the Surplus Lands Act (“SLA”), (Gov. Code § 54220, et seq.), for the sale of surplus land., seconded by Council Member Alcantar. 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

D. Consideration of a Resolution No. 23-38 Authorizing the City Manager Approve a Lease Proposal for Temporary Offices at City Hall Pursuant to Section 3.16.140 of the Cudahy Municipal Code (Alternate Procurement Procedure)

Presented by the City Attorney

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-38 authorizing the City Manager approve a lease proposal for temporary offices at City Hall in accordance with Section 3.16.140 of the Cudahy Municipal Code.

Motion: Council Member Fuentes motioned to adopt Resolution No. 23-38 authorizing the City Manager approve a lease proposal for temporary offices at City Hall in accordance with Section 3.16.140 of the Cudahy Municipal Code, 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

E. Consideration to Approve Lease Agreement with CSLM Construction, Inc., for Temporary Offices at City Hall

Presented by the Public Works Director

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: Approve a lease agreement with CSLM Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$39,580 to install temporary offices at City Hall for new Staff who will be hired by the city within the calendar year. Approve funding

in the amount of \$39,580 from SIEMENS Project Contingency Fund to cover this expense.

Motion: Council Member Fuentes motioned to (1): approve a lease agreement with CSLM Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$39,580 to install temporary offices at City Hall for new Staff who will be hired by the city within the calendar year. (2): Approve funding in the amount of \$39,580 from SIEMENS Project Contingency Fund to cover this expense., 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

F. Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. 23-39, Establishing a Sister City Relationship with San Miguel el Alto Jalisco, Mexico

Presented by the City Clerk

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to Adopt Resolution No. 23-39, Establishing a Sister City relationship with San Miguel el Alto Jalisco, Mexico through the Sister Cities Program.

Motion: Council Member Alcantar motioned to adopt Resolution No. 23-39, establishing a Sister City relationship with San Miguel el Alto Jalisco, Mexico through the Sister Cities Program., 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

15. COUNCIL DISCUSSION - NONE

At 8:49 p.m., City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga recessed to closed session.

16. CLOSED SESSION

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

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 10:20 p.m., Mayor Lomelí reconvened to open session.

17. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Stephanie Arechiga announced that the City Council met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1), no further reportable action.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council / Agency meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Daisy Lomelí
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard Iglesias
City Clerk