



City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Meeting Minutes

City Council / Housing Authority / Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

*Mayor Tim Sandoval
Council Member Rubio R. Gonzalez
Council Member Adriana M. Robledo
Council Member Cristina Carrizosa
Council Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Council Member Ginna E. Escobar
Vice Mayor Robert S. Torres*

VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

Monday, April 2, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

5:30 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Comment:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1))

Singleton v. City of Pomona

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Part Time Unrepresented Employees
Part Time General Employees Unit
Unrepresented Group A and B Employees
Unrepresented Mid-Management Group C-2 Employees
Pomona City Employees' Association, a Chapter of Teamsters Local 1932
Pomona Mid-Management Confidential Employees Association (PMMCEA)
Pomona Police Officers Association (PPOA)
Pomona Police Managers Association (PPMA)

Negotiators: Linda Lowry and Linda Matthews

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: VPD Lots 6 & 7 (APNs 8341-003-901 and 8341-004-902)
Vacant VPD Lots (APNs 8341-003-903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908 and 909); the Gist Building (APN 8341-003-902)
Negotiating Party: Maya Cinemas North America, Inc.
City's Negotiator: Linda Lowry, City Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Property: An approximately 19,870 square foot portion of First Street between Main Street and Garey Avenue, per Map recorded in Book 3, Page 90-91 of Misc. Records in the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office
Negotiating Party: Union Pacific Rail Road Company
City's Negotiator: Linda Lowry, City Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Property: APN 8348-013-903
Negotiating Party: Pomona Water Resources Department
City's Negotiator: Linda Lowry, City Manager
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

The following item was added to the Closed Session agenda, as it came up after the posting of the agenda and required immediate direction from the City Council, sitting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Pomona:

Property: Mission Promenade - 101 West Mission Boulevard
(APN's 8341-008-912, 913, 914, 915, 916 & 917)
Successor Agency
Negotiator: Linda Lowry, City Manager

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that the City Council convened into Closed Session and that the items listed on the agenda had been announced prior to recessing into Closed Session. He advised that one additional item had been announced relating to Item No. 3 on the Open Session agenda, and that it had come up after the posting of the agenda and there was an immediate need to receive direction from the City Council. He reported the following:

All members of the City Council were present.

Item A: The City Council received a briefing on this item, direction was provided; however, there was no further action taken and there was nothing further to report.

Item B: The City Council received a briefing on this item, direction was provided; however, there was no further action taken and there was nothing further to report.

Item C: The City Council received a briefing on all items except the Pomona Water Resources Department item (APN 8348-013-903) which will be considered in Closed Session at the conclusion of the Open Session. Direction was provided on the other items; however, there was no further action taken and there was nothing further to report.

The City Council recessed from Closed Session.

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval
Council Member Rubio Gonzalez
Council Member Adriana Robledo
Council Member Cristina Carrizosa
Council Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Council Member Ginna E. Escobar
Council Member Robert Torres

STAFF PRESENT:

Linda Lowry, City Manager
Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney
Genoveva Rocha, Deputy City Clerk
Karla Shipman, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Torres led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Present Certificates of Recognition to Genaro Jaime and Lucero Sandoval of Village Academy High School in honor of their winning entry in Metropolitan Water District's "2018 Water is Life" Water Education Student Art Contest, and present a Certificate of Recognition to Sadigheh Phillips (Sadie) in honor of her support of the arts through her teaching role in the Pomona Unified School District

The certificates will be presented at a future time

- B.** Present Certificates of Recognition to the Garey High School InvenTeam

Mayor Sandoval and Councilmember Robledo presented the Certificates of Recognition to members of the Garey High School InvenTeam.

- C. Approve and Present a Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Pomona, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Proclaiming April 14, 2018 as “Cesar Chavez Community Day” in the City of Pomona

By consensus of the City Council, the proclamation was approved, and presented to representatives of the Cesar Chavez Community Day organization.

- D. Approve and Present a Proclamation proclaiming April 2018 as “Donate Life Month” in the City of Pomona

By consensus of the City Council, the proclamation was approved, and presented to “Donate Life Month” representative Daniel Lubano.

- E. Approve and Present a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2018 as National Fair Housing Month in the City of Pomona

By consensus of the City Council, the proclamation was approved, and presented to the “National Fair Housing Month” representative.

- F. Approve and Present a Proclamation joining an International Network of Leading Cities Worldwide to Embrace Compassion as a Value, not just a value, but something we will intentionally strive to more intentionally build into our culture of our community on every level

By consensus of the City Council, the proclamation was approved, and presented to Rev. Jan Chase, Dr. Laura Burgess, and members of the Compassionate Values organization.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Escobar reported that she had attended several Easter Egg Hunt events in the City, and had represented the City of Pomona at the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security and Border Patrol conference in Long Beach.

Councilmember Robledo announced that the District 2 Community Clean Up would take place on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 7:00 a.m. at Behar Elementary School, and urged everyone to participate.

Councilmember Carrizosa thanked the Community Services and Public Works Departments for the work they had done for the Easter Egg Hunt activities. She noted that she had attended the Coffee with a Cop event and the Cesar Chavez Annual Breakfast. She commented on the Compassionate Values proclamation and noted that a well-known humanitarian had said that Pomona was a “city with a heart.”

Mayor Sandoval stated that the City of Pomona had a history of compassionate and caring service, noting the many hospitals and care facilities in the city.

Councilmember Gonzalez reported that he had attended the following events: Cesar Chavez

Breakfast, various Easter Egg Hunts, the funeral for Officer Gregory Casillas, a reading event at the dA Center for the Arts, the opening ceremony for the Pomona American Little League, the Pomona Unified School District Robotics Competition, and welcomed Dolores Huerta at an event at the University of LaVerne.

Vice Mayor Torres thanked the Police Department for the work they had done to organize a Neighborhood Watch group on the north side of District 6. He noted that the residents were excited to partner with the Police Department and the City to improve their neighborhood. He announced that the District 6 Community Clean Up would take place on April 21, 2018, at Palomares Park.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole thanked everyone that had participated in the memorial services for Officer Gregory Casillas. She advised that she had organized a meeting with leaders from the Pomona Unified School District, the Police Department, and the City Manager to address the problems that had been taking place at Montview Elementary School. She announced that the District 4 Community Clean Up would take place on April 14, 2018, at the Calvary Chapel on the corner of San Bernardino Avenue and San Antonio Avenue.

Mayor Sandoval thanked staff for the work that they had done for the various Easter Egg Hunts throughout the City. He thanked "Bull Dog" Jessie and all of those that had organized the Vietnam Veterans event at Veterans Park.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Lowry stated that she had nothing to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Douglas C. Pierce, Pomona resident, read the Fourth Amendment and commented on property he owned in the city.

Don Martins, Pomona resident, thanked the City Council for the Compassionate Values proclamation, and noted that there was much work to be done to implement those ideals.

Jesus Campos and Wesley Campos, Pomona residents, noted that there were a number of displaced farm workers in the city, and submitted a letter to the City Clerk regarding the issue. They stated that they were in favor of Item No. 4.

John Mendoza, Pomona resident, thanked the Latino Roundtable for sponsoring the Cesar Chavez Breakfast. He commented on the role that Pomona plays in the health care industry in the San Gabriel Valley, the Fairplex Strategic Plan, and inquired as to the status of the F Zone. He urged support for the water bond that would be on the November ballot.

Roberta Arnold, Pomona resident, noted that there were no services in Pomona for veterans, and urged the City Council to help provide services for veterans.

Mr. Hernandez commented on a number of Pomona Valley Hospital employees that had been

retaliated against for advocating better patient care at the last City Council meeting.

Randy Beckendam, Pomona resident, introduced April Barker, Adult Transition Program teacher, who provided a report on their school garden, and read testimonials from her students regarding their experiences working in the garden. She noted that the garden had been entered in a school garden contest.

Deborah Clifford, Pomona Valley Historical Society representative, provided the April History notes, and informed that on Christmas Eve 1899, there was a train wreck just outside of the city, and that the residents went out and provided care for those in the wreck, taking many of them into their homes. She noted that as a result of that event, the City leaders determined that Pomona needed a hospital, which led to the founding of the Pomona Valley Hospital. She also reported on the Whipp family of Pomona and the contributions they had made to the city.

Carlos Gonzalez, Pomona resident, requested assistance with a situation that was taking place behind his home with a number of homeless individuals. He noted that he had installed cameras on his home, and that homeless individuals had been in his yard, and there was illegal drug use, fighting, and vandalism in the area behind his home.

Ms. Carpio, Pomona resident, expressed concern with a television report that indicated Pomona was in negotiations with Orange County to take displaced homeless individuals into the City. City Manager Lowry stated that the City was in negotiations with Los Angeles County for tax dollars for the Homeless Services Center; however, that there were no negotiations going on with Orange County.

Councilmember Carrizosa stated that there may be other organizations within the City in negotiations with Orange County, and requested that an official statement be issued confirming that the City of Pomona was not in negotiations with Orange County regarding the homeless issue.

Cielo Castro, Fairplex representative, reported that they had hosted the Pentathlon World Cup on March 28-30, 2018, showcasing Fairplex as a potential Olympic sports level venue. She invited everyone to the free family event, "Spring on the Farm," April 8, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She noted that Fairplex was partnering with the Cyclavia event on April 22, 2018, at Palomares Park. She advised that the Fairplex Strategic Plan would be unveiled on April 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Fairplex, and that the public was invited.

Eunice Russell, Pomona resident, requested information on the City Plan update, grants, Phillips Ranch funding from the former Redevelopment Agency, the number of crime prevention officers, and when the District 6 Neighborhood Watch Program would be implemented.

Elinor Crescenzi, Pomona resident, requested that additional time be allotted for those speakers requiring translation services.

M. Joyce Bakersmith, Pomona resident, invited everyone to the Pomona Optimists Club fundraiser on April 12, 2018 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge. She noted that

tickets were \$20, and information could be obtained on the Pomona Optimists Club website.

Councilmember Carrizosa expressed concern with the retaliation issue which had been brought up by one of the speakers, and Mayor Sandoval noted that he would be speaking with officials from the hospital regarding the issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CARRIZOSA, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Consent Calendar, except Items 1 and 3, which were pulled for discussion.

1. THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

- 2. Adoption of a Resolution Cancelling the April 16, 2018 City Council Meeting and Rescheduling it to Monday, April 23, 2018**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CANCELLATION AND RESCHEDULING OF THE APRIL 16, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND ESTABLISHING THE RESCHEDULED MEETING AS A "REGULAR" MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

3. THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Approval of Installation of Pole Banners on Various City Street Lights by Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) for an Extended Time Period and Approval of a License Agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE) for Installation of Banners Onto SCE Street Light Poles**

Oliver Unaka, Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) Public Information Officer, advised that the "Success Starts Here" Banner Campaign was designed to promote the success stories of the students from PUSD, and that each light pole would display two banners, one of the high school from which the student had just graduated, and one of the school/college/university which the student would be attending.

Mayor Sandoval expressed support for the program, and requested that those entering the military also be included in the program.

Councilmember Escobar requested that banners for Anti-Bullying week and Red Ribbon Week be included in the program.

Vice Mayor Torres expressed support for including those entering the military in the program. He requested that the City Council look at paying for banners to honor veterans.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBLEDO, CARRIED 7-0, approving Installation of Pole Banners on Various City Street Lights by Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) for an Extended Time Period and Approval of a License Agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE) for Installation of Banners Onto SCE Street Light Poles.

3. Adopt a Resolution Approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with John Pena Irrevocable Family Trust 82-6632724 for the sale of Successor Agency Property known as Mission Promenade - 101 West Mission Boulevard in Pomona, California (APN's 8341-008-912, 913, 914, 915, 916 & 917) - Council District 2

RESOLUTION NO. SA 2018 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, SITTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS MISSION PROMENADE - 101 WEST MISSION BOULEVARD IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA, (APN'S 8341-008-912, 913, 914, 915, 916 & 917) - TO JOHN PENA IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST 82-6632724, FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$5,750,000

Property Group and Triple Net Acquisitions representatives, stated that they had submitted five offers over the past 14 months on the Mission Promenade property, and had not received responses to any of the offers, and noted that the last offer was higher than what was before the City Council for approval.

Deputy City Manager Pelser informed that because direction was provided in Closed Session, he was not at liberty to disclose the negotiations; however, he noted that he had been in close communications with the Property Group, and that he had made them aware that this item was on the agenda.

Mayor Sandoval stated that he had tremendous respect for Mr. John Pena and the work that he had done in the downtown; however, he could not support approval of the item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBLEDO, CARRIED 5-2-0-0 (Mayor Sandoval and Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole opposed), approving Resolution No. 2018-___ approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with John Pena Irrevocable Family Trust 82-6632724 for the sale of Successor Agency Property known as Mission Promenade - 101 West Mission Boulevard in Pomona, California (APN's 8341-008-912, 913, 914, 915, 916 & 917).

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

4. Finding of Public Benefit to the Community at Large: Recommended Expenditures and Recap of Approved Funds

CURRENT REQUESTS:

- A) Amount to be determined to cover costs of the use of the City stage, tables, chairs, canopies, and Veterans Park Soccer Complex in support of Support Kids In Progress, Inc.'s Vietnam Veterans Event – Requested amount: TBD
- B) Amount to be determined to Pomona Catholic School in support of their 17th Annual Car Show and Craft Fair – Requested amount: TBD
- C) Amount to be determined to the YMCA of Pomona Valley in support of their Annual Campaign to fund their Financial Assistance scholarship program – Requested amount: TBD
- D) Amount to be determined to purchase supplies for the Pomona Beautiful cleanup initiative – Requested amount: TBD
- E) Amount to be determined to purchase and install Pet Waste Disposal Stations at Kennedy Park – Amount requested: \$793.22
- F) Amount to be determined to purchase and plant trees at Jaycee Park and in vacant City tree locations – Amount requested: TBD
- G) \$50 toward John Marshall Middle School's Easter Egg Hunt

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to remove “Kennedy Park” from Item 4E, and replace it with “City Parks,” and remove the requested amount of \$793.22, and replace it with “Amount requested: TBD.”

Support Kids in Progress representative thanked Mayor Sandoval for his support for the Vietnam Veterans Event. She provided a brief video regarding the event.

“Bull Dog” Jessie, Pomona resident, noted the veterans that had attended the event were very touched, and he urged the City Council to provide a place for homeless veterans to sleep. He requested assistance with the expenses for the event.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBLEDO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, approving Item No. 4 Finding of Public Benefit to the Community at Large.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Escobar requested an update on the progress of the Marijuana ordinance from the City Attorney. She also requested a list of the beautification projects scheduled for the Pomona Beautification Day. She asked to schedule an event at Phillips Park to hand out the Doggie Waste Key Chains that Mayor Sandoval had funded.

Councilmember Carrizosa requested an update regarding the Veterans Housing project at Park Avenue and Commercial Street. She asked for a list of the fire hydrants that still needed painting in District 3.

Vice Mayor Torres inquired as to the deadline for adding projects to the Beautification Day

project list, requested a status update on the vacant property at LaVerne Avenue and Garey Avenue, and noted that there were parking issues on Falcon Street bordering the City of LaVerne.

Councilmember Gonzalez expressed concern with the report regarding the Orange County homeless situation, and requested that staff stay abreast of the issue.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole inquired and City Manager Lowry informed that as much as staff would like to paint the curbs red in front of all fire hydrants, there was a limited capacity to maintain the curbs, and that resources only allowed for maintenance on the main arterials in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. (The meeting was adjourned back into Closes Session.)

The next regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018, Closed Session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the open session shall commence at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

EVA BUICE, MMC
City Clerk/Secretary of the Pomona
Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the
the Redevelopment Agency

TIM SANDOVAL
Mayor/Chair of the Pomona
Housing Authority/Successor Agency to
Redevelopment Agency