



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
Councilmember Rubio R. Gonzalez
Councilmember Victor Preciado
Vice Mayor Nora Garcia
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Councilmember Steve Lustro
Councilmember 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, July 6, 2020

7:00 PM

Teleconference via Zoom

5:30 P.M. Via Teleconference

CLOSED SESSION

- A) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Pursuant to
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

City Clerk

- 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)

Labor Negotiators: James Makshanoff and Linda Matthews

7:00 P.M. Teleconference via Zoom, closed to the public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho had no reportable action from closed session. Councilmember Gonzalez was present for closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sandoval led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present via Zoom: Mayor Tim Sandoval
Councilmember Victor Preciado
Vice Mayor Nora Garcia
Councilmember Steve Lustro
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Councilmember Robert Torres

Not present per May 23, 2020 City Council Resolution of Censure:

Councilmember Rubio Gonzalez

STAFF PRESENT via Zoom

James Makshanoff, City Manager
Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk
John DePolis, IT Director
Kirk Pelser, Deputy City Manager
Mark Gluba, Deputy City Manager
Linda Matthews, Human Resources Director
Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director
Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director
Anita Gutierrez, Development Services Director
Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director
Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director
Mike Ellis, Police Chief

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with AB1234, the Mayor and Councilmembers reported on the following:

Councilmember Preciado reported that Artwalk will open on July 11 with all proper safety precautions. Councilmember Garcia was a speaker at the City's 4th of July event in collaboration with American Legion 30. Councilmember Lustro thanked all that were involved in the three community clean up events at the Valley Vista Transfer Center. Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole and Mayor Sandoval thanked Roberto Arnold for putting the 4th of July event together. Mayor Sandoval spoke on the fireworks and reported that 87 people were cited for fireworks which was up from seven citations in 2019. 1400 pounds of fireworks were seized and destroyed. He spoke about the council taking additional steps next year to minimize this issue.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager James Makshanoff had nothing to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with California Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 regarding the Brown Act and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, please note that comments for Public Participation or for a specific item on the agenda were accepted by email only.

Comments will be read into the record by the City Clerk. The deadline to submit the comments was 6:00 p.m. today. All comments must be limited to 200 words.

Comments were received electronically via email and read into the record by the city clerk:

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR COMMENTS READ DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE), to approve the entire consent calendar except for Items 4, 5 and 7 which were voted on in separate motions.

1. Approval of City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes:

June 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARICA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE), to approve City Council meeting minutes from June 15, 2020.

2. Authorize an Agreement with Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) to Receive Grant Funding Not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) to Provide Meal Services in FY 2020-21

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) to receive grant funding not to exceed \$300,000 for the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP), to provide meal services to the elderly in FY 2020-21; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the grant agreement and any amendments thereto, subject to review by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE), to authorize an Agreement with Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) to Receive Grant Funding Not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) to Provide Meal Services in FY 2020-21; and Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant agreement and any amendments thereto, subject to review by the City Attorney.

3. Award a Contract to First Choice Vending and Amusements LLC for Operation of Vending Machines at Various City Facilities in FY 2020-21 with Four (4) One-Year Extension Options

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Award a one-year contract to First Choice Vending and Amusements LLC for the operation of vending machines at various City facilities in FY 2020-21, with four (4) one-year extension options; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract and any

amendments or extensions thereto, subject to review by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to Award a one-year contract to First Choice Vending and Amusements LLC for the operation of vending machines at various City facilities in FY 2020-21, with four (4) one-year extension options; and Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract and any amendments or extensions thereto, subject to review by the City Attorney.

4. Approval of an Agreement with the Downtown Pomona Owners Association for Supplemental Police Patrols in the Downtown Business Improvement District

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-87- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN POMONA OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (DPOA) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL POLICE PATROL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,000 FOR THE POMONA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PBID) WITH A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OPTION

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City, in substantially the form submitted, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

This item was pulled for discussion because speaker comment emails were submitted.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR COMMENTS READ ABOUT ITEMS 4 AND 5**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to adopt Resolution No. 2020-87.

5. Approval of the Annual Report for the Downtown Pomona Property and Business Improvement District (PBID) and Levying the Assessments for FY 2020-2021

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-99 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE DOWNTOWN POMONA OWNERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN POMONA PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FY 2020-21 AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENTS FOR FY

This item was pulled for discussion because speaker comment emails were submitted.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR COMMENTS READ ABOUT ITEMS 4 AND 5**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to adopt Resolution No. 2020-99.

6. Retirement Incentive Estimated Costs and Savings

It is recommended that the City Council receive the report regarding the proposed retirement incentive program and associated costs and savings and direct staff to bring back the program for adoption at the subsequent Council meeting on July 20, 2020.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to receive the report regarding the proposed retirement incentive program and associated costs and savings and direct staff to bring back the program for adoption at the subsequent Council meeting on July 20, 2020.

7. Temporary Approval to Allow Occasional Sales (Yard Sales) on the First Weekend of Every Month until December, 2020, due to Impacts on Families from COVID-19 Pandemic

It is recommended that the City Council direct staff to cease enforcement of Municipal Code Section 30-751(a), on the specified weekends and disseminating the temporarily modified Yard Sale schedule to the public through City social media and other communication platforms

This item was pulled for discussion by Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole voiced her concerns about illegal signs for yard sales items being sold at yard sales.

Deputy City Manager Gluba advised that the intent of this item was from a previous meeting and only meant to direct staff to cease enforcement and does not change any of the rules on signs.

Mayor Sandoval spoke on the intent of this item was to help families in need of the financial benefits of having yard sales.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to

direct staff to cease enforcement of Municipal Code Section 30-751(a), on the specified weekends and disseminating the temporarily modified Yard Sale schedule to the public through City social media and other communication platforms.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

8. Finding of Public Benefit to the Community at Large: Recommended Expenditure(s) and Recap of Funds

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1) Approve the expenditure(s) recommended and make the finding that the community at large will receive a public benefit from the expenditure of funds for the recommended item(s); and

A) Amount to be determined for Council to donate from their discretionary funds for emergency relief for those affected by COVID-19 Pandemic – Requested Amount: TBD.

B) Amount to be determined to Celebrating a Vision in support of programs and training for Foster children – Requested Amount: TBD.

C) Amount to be determined in support of Garey High School Music Department for their graduating seniors' event – Requested Amount: TBD.

D) Amount to be determined to Kennedy Austin Foundation in support of The Million Mothers Rally – Requested Amount: TBD.

2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts for previously approved projects/activities.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to make a finding of public benefit for items A-D.

9. Adoption of Resolution Extending Charter Review Commission and Clarifying Procedures

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-104 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA EXTENDING THE TIME DURING WHICH THE

POMONA CITY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER AND PROPOSE CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURES FOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSALS BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Linda Matthews, Human Resources Director and Staff Liaison to Charter Review Commission, gave a brief overview of this item.

Councilmember Torres voiced his concerns about extending this commission with the current members regardless of who is elected in November and delaying amendments to go to an off-year election.

Mayor Sandoval asked for clarification on the role of the commission and what an extension would mean for the citizens of Pomona.

City Manager Makshanoff and City Attorney Carvalho spoke on the process of voting on charter amendments only every 10 years and that the commission only has a short amount of time to propose amendments. With the COVID situation there has not been enough time to involve the public and gain input from the community. The city attorney spoke on the fact that regardless of this action, the charter amendments would not have gone on the ballot until 2022 because the commission is given 12 months from creation and this commission was created in October 2019.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 5-1 (COUNCILMEMBER TORRES OPPOSED AND COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to adopt Resolution No. 2020-104.

10. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Form and Authorize the Execution of an Official Statement and Continuing Disclosure Certificate Relating to the Issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds; Approving Additional Actions Related Thereto

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-105 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE FORM OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO REFUND CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY AND APPROVING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS RELATED THERETO

- 2) Provide staff directions as to which funding option is preferred

- 2) Direct staff to allocate savings from the issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds to the City's 'Committed Fund Balance' Reserve.

Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director, and Mike Bush, the city's financial advisor from Urban Futures and Mike Mejia from Urban Futures gave the staff presentation.

Councilmembers made comments regarding this item and all were in support of scenario 1. The mayor requested the following amendment: As a priority the budget savings shall first be allocated to meet the City's fund balance policy and then the balance of the budget savings be allocated to the City's fiscal sustainability, to a pension stabilization fund to fund future UALs.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to adopt Resolution No. 2020-105 with the amendment as requested by Mayor Sandoval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Public Hearing Regarding the Levy of Fiscal Year 2020-21 Assessments for the Consolidated Citywide Street Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the levy of assessments for the Consolidated Citywide Street Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District FY 2020-21; and
- 2) After receiving public comments and testimony, conclude the Public Hearing and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-91 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DIAGRAM, ZONE BOUNDARIES, AND THE LEVY OF FISCAL

YEAR 2020-21 ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED CITYWIDE STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director, gave the staff presentation.

Mayor Sandoval opened the public hearing and with no speakers on this item, the mayor closed the public hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to adopt Resolution No. 2020-91.

12. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution Setting Customer Power Rates for Pomona Choice Energy Community Choice Aggregation

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing; and
- 2) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-96 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CUSTOMER POWER RATES FOR POMONA CHOICE ENERGY

Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director, gave the staff presentation. Mayor Sandoval opened the public hearing and with no speakers for this item the mayor closed the public hearing.

Water Resources Director Diggs confirmed for Councilmember Garcia that any Pomona Southern California Edison (SCE) customers would still receive their discounted rates under the CCA and confirmed for Councilmember Torres that the rates under CCA would be on par with SCE. The goal over time is to have Pomona residents have lower rates than with SCE.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 6-0 (COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ NOT PRESENT DUE TO CENSURE) to adopt Resolution No. 2020-96.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Torres asked about the City's policy on vinyl banners. He also wanted an issue with a homeless encampment with a BBQ grill near the 60 freeway looked into and wanted to have a long term plan in place to address things like this. He spoke on the City needing to do a better job responding to resident's complaints because they should not have to contact a councilmember just to get something taken care of.

Councilmember Lustro spoke on a homeless encampment behind the 1600 block of Vejar St that has been a problem for a while and wanted to thank the developer of the property, the HEART team, Code Enforcement and Anita Gutierrez for their efforts in getting that property cleaned up.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole thanked the police department for their citations on 4th of July. She spoke on a homeless encampment on Holt near the Pomona Historical Society that residents keep calling her about. She also spoke about taco stands on San Antonio and Holt and asked what can be done about this.

Councilmember Garcia spoke on the same property that Councilmember Torres spoke on. She talked about this property being vacant for many years and this is the reason that the council needs to move forward on holding absentee negligent property owners accountable. She spoke about how the City of Pomona is doing whatever it can for the homeless population but needs more help from the federal government to address mental health issues.

Councilmember Preciado requested a presentation or social media release of information regarding all the things the City is doing to help the homeless. He congratulated everyone involved with the Transformative Climate Communities Grant that was awarded to the City.

Mayor Sandoval thanked everyone involved in the Transformative Climate Communities Grant including Dr. Kyle Brown, Kirk Pelsner, Rene Guerrero and other staff members and a number of community based organizations. It is a \$200,000 planning grant and he spoke on the significance of receiving this grant as it could open the door to receiving an implementation grant. Several cities have received this type of grant which awarded their city in the millions of dollars.

The Mayor requested from Rene Guerrero to contact CalTrans regarding the on-ramps in the City. Clean up was done to off-ramps but not to on-ramps.

The Mayor requested a presentation from the HEART team to hear from those on the front lines and to understand if the council needs to be doing more to help their efforts. As a Compassionate City we need to help but he understands that residents are frustrated with the conditions in their neighborhoods.

The Mayor let all residents, especially those in District 1, know that he is available to hear from anyone that needs to speak to their representative as he does represent everyone in the city in his mayoral capacity. His number is (909) 762-1982.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

ROSALIA A. BUTLER, MMC
City Clerk/Secretary of the Pomona
Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the
to the Redevelopment Agency

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

JULY 6, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

M. JOYCE BAKERSMITH – Dear Mayor and City Council

At a recent City Council Meeting, I was appalled to hear the scripted defaming of the Pomona Police Department. The allegations were caustic generalizations of what appeared to be unsubstantiated urban legends of numerous incidents of police brutality in our City.

The incident of the continuously, monotonously and tirelessly used example of police brutality at the Fairplex should be put to rest. Please note, the officers named in the case were ALL found Not Guilty of the charges. In addition, a separate independent outside investigation was done, and the finding was the same . . . NOT GUILTY!

This emphatic example of police brutality made by those who continuously harass the Pomona Police Department, happened almost five years ago! And even with finding of Not Guilty twice, there are those who continue to call for the officers' termination. How can this be just? Why doesn't our City Council defend our Police Department in this matter? You have the facts and the results. Why do you continue to allow those voices, who seek to destroy a group of dedicated City employees to be defamed and verbally harassed?

If one really wants to educate oneself about the incident and the trial, simply request the transcripts from the proceedings. Respect for our Laws should be applicable to both sides.

JONAS HUFFER – I am a Pomona resident in district 1. I am asking you to please continue the eviction moratorium for as long as the pandemic lasts. Please implement a rent freeze for the same duration. Anything but this is a concerted effort to put the health of our working citizens at risk. Defund the police.

(The following individuals submitted the following comment below.)

**DENNIS QUERIO
VERNON PRICE
DONNA PAULSON
CARRIE BAKER
TED NAUS
JANET ROY
CRYSTAL WILLIAMS
VIRGINIA MADRIGAL
MARILYN RICHARDS**

**KAREN LOEHR
LISA GOMEZ
BETH BROOKS
GINGER LEPIRE ECKHEARD
CRISTIE BENDER
M. JOYCE BAKERSMITH
JULIE MESTAS
RIKKI FINE
LILLIANN WARREN
JOHN ECKHEARD
FRANK PORTER
CAROLYN HEMMING
SAM THARPE
DEBORAH THARPE
CHRIS FAULL
JAMES MORGAN
JEANNE COCKRELL
MICHAEL SIMONDS
MARY PRENDERGAST
KAREN SIMONDS
CHEVO SORIA
SHARON WILLISON
JEFF ROY**

Dear Mayor and Members of the Pomona City Council:

We, the undersigned, do not believe that there is a need for a Police Oversight Commission in the City of Pomona. We have confidence in our current police administration.

The current attitude against law enforcement is not shared by everyone who lives and works in Pomona. We do not agree with the organizers of POST that there is a problem with our city leadership.

Continuing this debate is a waste of everyone's time. It is time to move on.

DAVID ORTEGA – Dear City Council,

As a lifelong Pomona resident, alumni of PUSD, and former educator at PUSD, I ask that you think deeply about your citizens and extend the eviction moratorium to 12 months, place a rent freeze for 12 months, and extend the rent repayment period to 12 months. This city is made up of working class people and to fail to meet these demands means you are directly harming the people you claim to represent. People have lost jobs, income, family members, and they can't afford to lose housing. You have the power to help your city and failure to do so would leave your hands stained with their pain. In addition, I ask that you defund the police and allocate funds to mental health workers, housing, the

houseless, and the black population of Pomona. Think about your most vulnerable citizens, not your re-election, or the overfunded police force, or the landlords that your continually try to please. We will not forget what you do in these times that people need leaders that stand in solidarity with them and we will not forget what you fail to do. We will continue to protest, to organize, and overwhelm you.

NHI CLEMENT – Mayor Sandoval and esteemed councilmembers,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and support for our law enforcement officers who work so hard to keep our city and our residents safe. I am also writing to caution you and the city council to take a slow and steady approach to any police reform or oversight proposals.

While the national fervor to confront police brutality rages, I would commend us as a city council and its citizens to look closely at what our local needs are and not to get swept up in a national conversation that may or may not relate to our local needs as a community.

Now more than ever, we must defend the rule of law, which is the backbone of our peaceful and democratic political process. This process ensures that all voices can be heard and all ideas can be debated and considered on their merits. Rule of law and equal protection under the law cannot be upheld without a strong police force.

Many of the proposals for police reform including abolishing qualified immunity and investing in de-escalation training, reducing militarization and defunding the police altogether--suffer from two practical limitations, according to Rafael A. Mangual, deputy director of legal policy at the Manhattan Institute. First, there is an inflated sense of how widespread police violence is. Secondly, data cautions against expecting too much from reforms and furthermore, radical changes could have unintended negative consequences such as increases in violent crime.

MYRNA INGELMO – Hello, I am a concern resident of the city of Pomona. I would like to know what is the city doing to protect the residents of Pomona from COVID-19. I still see many groceries stores not following the health department guide lines. Employers are not enforcing the guidelines. Customers are not keeping their distance nor wearing a mask. Shopping carts are not being disinfected. Please do your part and protect your residents. What can residents do when they are faced with this. Pomona is one of the highest cities with COVID-19 cases, sad to know.

DARLENE JOHNSON – Good evening mayor and city council

This July 4th was a time for food folks and fun! Obviously with the restrictions it was not business or family fathering as usual. But remembering the history of Independence and traditional celebrating was not be taken away. At least not at the Johnson bbq 😊

My concern issue was the illegal fireworks which started going off after Mothers day and continued past July 4th. Even with lawn signs and the PD being called out and issuing citations it was to no avail. I think it was the worst I have ever witnessed. Car alarms

were going off windows shaking, dogs barking. I am not exaggerating when I say it sounded like a war zone. I pray that no one was injured or property was damaged.

I don't know how we will ever get this under control especially with our limited officers who I am sure have bigger concerns. I want to thank the Pomona officers who did respond especially in this day in age where every move they make can be misinterpreted. Thank you for being out there.

I do think cancelling the Kaboom at Fairplex made it worst. Could we not have still had a show? Those who wanted to go stay in their car and watch from afar? I don't know if it would have made a difference but in my opinion cancelling the show made it easier for citizens to excuse their behavior by firing illegal fireworks. Even after people were cited, as soon as the officers left (a neighbor shared) the fireworks continued. I think that having a task force and collecting and destroying the legal fireworks is a job well done. But it's not enough. I have a few ideas that I will email to the city council at a later date.

DARRELL KRUSE – I do not believe that we are all in this together.

The peace officers unions are in it for themselves. Unions protect bad members. Most government people are in unions. Teachers are in unions. Many councilpersons are bought and paid for by the contributions and endorsements of unions and their votes reflect that. I got ran out of town because a Mayor sold her soul to her supporters. Unions get elected officials to give members excessive pay so they can pay dues to buy more favoritism. Do not defund the police, but please, prevent the police unions from dividing our country. It was never going to work when they consider cannabis workers as essential after calling us drug dealers and criminals, it's the same people. Everyone should have stayed home, now many more are gonna die. When it was medical and not for profit, they shut them down, now it's taxed so it's essential. They ask me to stay home yet they let large groups assemble without social distancing. Government workers are good for nothing liars and cheats. Do not let them do to you what they did to me. Gimme my licenses. Do what's right.

JOHN MENDOZA – Good evening Pomona City Council members and Mayor. My name is John Mendoza and I live in N. Pomona (D6). I am a vehicle parking commission member and Water Board member. We are entering the election season and I want to share a concern. Recently I came across a web site of a candidate running for a Congressional seat representing Pomona. This particular web site was full of derogatory comments towards Immigrants and Afro Americans. I would urge elected officials to not have tolerance for such bigotry and nativist views in our city elections. I would urge city commission members to not participate in back and forth communication with such campaign language which targets disadvantage community members and people of various nationalities polarizing racial differences. Thank you and have a good night.

TONI NAVARRO – The Health and Wellness Subcommittee is charged with recognizing and addressing the overall health, including mental health, issues and needs arising as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

July is nationally recognized as Minority Mental Health Month and was created to bring awareness to the unique struggles that underrepresented groups face in regard to mental health issues. In the last decade, serious mental illness among Asian/Pacific Islander American and Latinx adults and Black Americans of all ages increased; and Black American teenagers are now 50% more likely than White teenagers to attempt suicide.

Racism, social injustice, and poor treatment access contribute to poor mental health outcomes, including suicide, among racial, ethnic and minority populations. Now the COVID-19 pandemic is further and disproportionately impacting the mental health and overall health and wellness of communities of color due in part to long-standing health, economic and educational disparities and because their members represent a significant portion of the essential services workforce.

The Health and Wellness Subcommittee supports a call to action to start now, Minority Mental Health Month, for all of Pomona to get informed, spread awareness and proactively promote ways to counter the growing mental health impact of COVID-19.

RIMMI HUNDAL – This is Rimmi Hundal – Director of Mental Health Services Act and Ethnic Services at Tri-City Mental Health. Tri-City is celebrating Minor Mental Health Awareness Month and will be hosting a number of free webinars for the community on topics such as Dual Recovery, Minority Mental Health – how people deal with mental health in different cultures, and more. For a complete list of upcoming webinars or to view past recordings please visit our website at www.tricitymhs.org and look for Community Mental Health Trainings.

JOE – Good evening Mayor & City Council,

It would be helpful if the mayor or city attorney will consider providing periodic updates to residents about the lack of representation in District 1. Trust and transparency is very important to residents. We only see one council member who is vocal on social media about concerns, so please come together to advocate for District 1.

Also, can the city consider having another clean-up and free bulky disposal event soon. These events are very beneficial to clean our community. Thank you.

HANAN GIBANI – My name is Hanan Gibani and I am a Mentor at Just Us 4 Youth. I will be representing them at all City Council Meetings.

1. JU4Y is offering free showers, toiletries, and \$5 fast food gift cards while supplies last for homeless youth. This support occurs every Monday from 9a-3p. Contact info@ju4y.org for more information or to make a donation to support this effort.

2. Youth who are in need of a mentor to talk to can book an appointment with our mentors beginning June 8th for the summer season at our website at ju4y.org

3. JU4Y is looking for housing partners during this crisis who may have a room for rent, for discount. Please contact our Director, Eric Vasquez at eric@ju4y.org for more information.

4. JU4Y would like to thank our community and city leadership for supporting our youth and their needs during this pandemic and unrest.

EMILY MIRANDA – Community has asked city officials to take steps to end the over policing of our community. DPOA should invest in giving back to the community rather than in policing it. With the money they want for policing they can help create housing, substance abuse services, counseling services. Investing in the COMMUNITY means that everyone in community is thriving, not just "owners."

ORLANDO PULIDO – Hello mayor Tim Sandoval and council members my name is Orlando Arias-Pulido I am a proud Pomona resident born and raised. How come the police budget gets increased by millions when other areas of the budget get only increased by thousands. We need the city to listen to the people of color and the youth because we are the future of the city. How come the city doesn't invest to improve our Pomona parks and also having nearby community resources for example a food bank for the poor and underserved communities. Also by eliminating SRO from school because It makes feel uncomfortable having to see one of my classmates getting escorted out of my class because he needs to get "mentored." All I ask it to defund the police and invest in communities that would benefit from programs and resources.

DANNY MCCOLGAN – Could the public be presented a record of the number of citations were issued the evening of July 4th by the Chief of Police. It could be tonight or the next council meeting on July 16.

It's only fair for the amount we pay to the Dept that we can have some transparency and accountability on behalf of the Citizens.

Myself and numerous citizens called in locations on the 4th of July for enforcement yet in my case the officers never showed up for a obvious fireworks citation on Altura Crt N of the 10 Fwy. Chairs were placed in the street so autos couldn't pass.

So hopefully some kind of record of tickets will be given to us.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 4 & 5

CATHY TESSIER – The DPOA Board of Directors welcome our new Executive Director, Lorena Parker, and a new President of the Board of Directors for the coming year, Jeff Keating of Western University. We also welcome new Board Member, Paola Vega (Mi Cafecito). DPOA is well aware of the challenges facing Pomona, and specifically the Downtown. We are already planning new events, social media attractions, and monitoring new policies that can assist the downtown businesses residents to recover.

DPOA applauds city leaders for supporting programs and policies to assist Pomona residents and businesses and for looking forward as to how to meet the upcoming challenges. DPOA greatly appreciates the city's involvement in, and support of the Downtown through a very effective Pomona Property Owners Association (DPOA)

partnership, Item 4 on the agenda tonight being but one example. DPOA also appreciates your consideration and approval of Item 5 on the agenda and looks forward to a continued partnership with the City of Pomona.

LORENA PARKER – Good evening Councilmembers,

My name is Lorena Parker and I am the Executive Director of the Downtown Pomona Owners Association (DPOA). I have been in this position since mid-May. I have been working with business improvements for the past 20 years.

Tonight, I would like to express my support for item #4. It has been a privilege to work with Officers Erik Ramirez and Garrett Dulong. They are exemplary officers and we look forward to working with them in the coming year.

I would also like to express my support for item #5. I would also respectfully request approval of the Annual Report on tonight's agenda. In the coming year, we will continue to implement the programs and services outlined in our Management District Plan. Furthermore, we look forward to working with City staff on various projects, including Activate Pomona. We will work tirelessly to help support our local businesses to boost our local economy.