



City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

*Mayor Tim Sandoval
Councilmember John Nolte
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, January 4, 2021

7:00 PM

Teleconference via Zoom

CLOSED SESSION

5:30 P.M. Teleconference via Zoom, closed to the public

A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9)

Vaughn Dorsey, III, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, University of Southern California,
City of Pomona, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court; Case No. 20STCV45964

B) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

City Attorney
City Clerk
City Manager

C) 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.

****NOTE: Audio on Zoom recording was not working until 13:20 mark of the meeting.**

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho reported that the Closed Session Agenda matters of pending litigation, public employee performance evaluation and conference with labor negotiators were discussed and there was no reportable action on any items.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Nolte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT via Zoom

Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney
William Priest, Assistant City Attorney
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk
James Makshanoff, City Manager
John DePolis, IT Director
Mark Gluba, Deputy City Manager
Kirk Pelser, 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
Donyielle Holley, Housing Programs Manager
Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director
Mike Ellis, Police Chief

****NOTE: Audio restored prior to Presentations.**

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by the Chamber of Commerce of their Goals and Accomplishments.
Dr. Enrique Medina and Monique Manzanares gave the presentation.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Garcia thanked Day One Pomona for handing out over \$30,000 worth of groceries to Pomona families and thanked all the community organizations.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole thanked God's Pantry and Pomona Valley Food Bank for helping a needy family.

Councilmember Lustro expressed disappointment in a super spreader event at the Doubletree Hotel for New Year's. He reminded everyone of the importance of following health guidelines.

Mayor Sandoval also spoke about large groups including a biker's event with hundreds of people and the harm that police officers must face to break up social gatherings that are not allowed. He said that we are not going to get past this unless we all take the necessary precautions to protect everyone.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager had nothing to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 and also were accepted live during the meeting via the chat feature on Zoom or voice. Comments received electronically via email were read into the record by the City Clerk.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR EIGHT (8) EMAIL COMMENTS READ DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Live comments were as follows:

Darrell Kruse spoke about his concern with the process on how cannabis businesses were now being allowed in the City and his frustration with how cannabis has been viewed in the city in the past specifically in regards to his cannabis business.

Martin Perez asked if the City is doing all they can to get the COVID vaccine to our residents. He also asked for an update on the grant funded Hamilton Park project. He also asked about crosswalks at Monterrey and Hamilton. He expressed concern for the continued problem of illegal dumping.

The mayor asked Public Works Director Rene Guerrero to provide a timeline and update at the next council meeting regarding the Hamilton Park project.

Vincent Carpio asked about the Activate Pomona Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire consent calendar except for Item 5 which was voted on in a separate motion.

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:

December 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the meeting minutes for the December 7, 2020 City Council Meeting.

2. Amendment of the FY 2020-21 Operating Budget in Measure W Fund; Execution of the Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and, Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec) Professional Services Agreement

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 ADOPTED BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATING \$385,000 IN MEASURE W FUNDS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S SAFE CLEAN WATER-REGIONAL PROGRAM TO BE TRANSFERRED TO WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FUND

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached transfer agreement (Attachment No.2) with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) for the Safe Clean Water (SCW) - Regional Program;
- 3) Determine approval of the Stantec's professional services agreement to study infiltration rates is categorically exempt in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15306; and
- 4) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Stantec's professional services agreement in the amount not to exceed \$385,000 for a total contract award of \$1,041,681 to study infiltration rates within the San Gabriel Valley (Attachment No. 3); and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02, authorize city manager to execute transfer agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) for the Safe Clean Water (SCW) - Regional Program, determine approval of the Stantec's

professional services agreement to study infiltration rates is categorically exempt in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15306; and approve Amendment No. 1 to Stantec's professional services agreement in the amount not to exceed \$385,000 for a total contract award of \$1,041,681 to study infiltration rates within the San Gabriel Valley (Attachment No. 3); and authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement.

3. Execute a Transfer Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; Amend the FY 2020-21 Operating Budget; and Amend the FY 2020-21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by Creating a New Partially Funded CIP Project

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATING \$102,760 FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S SAFE CLEAN WATER - REGIONAL PROGRAM TO THE SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FUND

And

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET BY CREATING A NEW PARTIALLY FUNDED CIP PROJECT, "PEDLEY SPREADING GROUNDS - POND ENHANCEMENTS," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-81058 AND APPROPRIATING \$102,760 OF SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FUNDS TO THE NEW PROJECT

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached transfer agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) for the SCW program - Regional Program.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03 and Resolution No. 2021-04.

4. Extension of Emergency Directives for Suspension of Water Shut Offs, Utility Bill Late Fees and Parking Enforcement of Certain Non-Safety Parking Violations

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions to approve extending the emergency directives issued by the Director of Emergency Services:

- 1) Approve suspension of the shut-off of City water service for residents and businesses in the City for non-payment of utility (water, sewer, and solid waste) bills through March 16, 2021; and
- 2) Approve the suspension of late payment penalties or fees for delinquent utility (water, sewer, and solid waste) bills through March 16, 2021; and
- 3) Approve suspension of parking enforcement for non-safety street sweeping and preferential parking permit violations in residential areas through March 16, 2021.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve extension of Emergency Directives for Suspension of Water Shut Offs, Utility Bill Late Fees and Parking Enforcement of Certain Non-Safety Parking Violations.

5. Approve the Ratification of the Execution of a Letter of Credit with River City Bank on behalf of Pomona Choice Energy

It is recommended that the City Council approve the ratification of the execution of a Letter of Credit with River City Bank (River Bank) on behalf of Pomona Choice Energy.

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

Water Resources Director Chris Diggs provided explanation for this item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 5-2 (COUNCILMEMBERS ONTIVEROS-COLE AND TORRES OPPOSED), to approve the ratification of the Execution of a Letter of Credit with River City Bank on behalf of Pomona Choice Energy.

6. Establishing the Order of Appointment of the Vice-Mayor and Selecting and Designating District 5 Councilmember, Steve Lustro, as Vice-Mayor

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE-MAYOR AND SELECTING AND DESIGNATING DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMEMBER, STEVE LUSTRO, AS VICE-MAYOR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05.

7. Approval of Appointment to Fill the District 6 Vacancy on the Board of Parking Place Commission (Vehicle Parking District)

It is recommended that the City Council review the application and approve the appointment of Mrs. Jaqueline Elizalde to serve as the District 6 Representative on the Board of Parking Place Commissioners (VPD).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the appointment of Jaqueline Elizalde to fill the District 6 vacancy of the Board of Parking Place Commission.

DISCUSSION

8. Proposed Pomona City Charter Amendments for Independent Redistricting Commission and Primary Elections being considered by the Charter Review Commission 2020 and Request to Appoint Independent Redistricting Commission for 2021

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

- 1) Review and provide feedback regarding the proposed Charter amendment to create an Independent Redistricting Commission;
- 2) Consider a request from Charter Review Commission 2020 to create an Independent Redistricting Commission via resolution or ordinance in time for the redistricting process in 2021; and
- 3) Review and provide feedback regarding the proposed Charter amendment to add a primary election.

Charter Review Commission Chair Derek Engdahl provided the presentation of this item.

Live comment was as follows:

John Clifford stated that he was on the sub-committee for re-districting and reported that many jurisdictions are moving towards independent commissions to ensure that mayors and councilmembers have limited involvement in the process of redrawing lines. He reported that this amendment would go on the 2022 ballot so the citizens can decide if they agree with the commission recommendations.

Council discussed this item and asked questions. Most councilmembers expressed concerns for cost and disenfranchisement if primaries were held but all agreed that the voters should have the final say on that issue. All were in support of an independent redistricting commission once the details had been cleaned up and brought back to council.

Assistant City Attorney Jim Priest helped answer questions regarding a redistricting commission.

All councilmembers were in consensus to direct staff to move forward developing a process for an independent redistricting commission to be considered by the council. No other actions were taken for this discussion item.

The mayor requested that item 12 be moved up in the agenda and heard at this time.

9. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Kickoff

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

- 1) Approve the attached Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Budget Guiding Principles; and
- 2) Review the FY 2021-22 Budget Preparation Calendar and Budget Process.

Finance Director Andrew Mowbray gave the staff presentation.

Councilmembers Garcia and Preciado both expressed the need for more community input and translation services at community meetings. Councilmember Lustro expressed appreciation for an additional study session added in March to allow more time to consider the budget and allow more community involvement.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Budget Guiding Principles.

10. Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance for Local Residential Eviction Protection Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following urgency ordinance:

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 4296 - AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ENACTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF RENT BY RESIDENTIAL TENANTS IMPACTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19")

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho gave an overview on this item and provided analysis on the comments presented by Councilmember Nolte. City Attorney Carvalho clarified that this moratorium only prevents landlords from evicting tenants for non-payment of rent due to COVID reasons. Any other violation of lease agreements can lead to the eviction process by the landlord. The ordinance is simple and basic in language because it is likely the state will preempt the need for this ordinance. If the state passes their own ordinance then it will take precedence over the city's ordinance.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR FOUR (4) EMAIL COMMENTS READ REGARDING ITEM 10.**

Live comment was as follows:

Miranda Sheffield spoke about the need for the city to support people over profit and to invest in helping cancel rent for people that still need financial help.

Councilmembers made comments and asked questions of the city attorney. They expressed concern for both landlords and tenants. Mayor Sandoval spoke about how all cities are going to need the state and federal government to provide the significant financial help to cities down the road. Not all of those problems can be solved right now. The only thing the city can do is at this point is pass this moratorium to protect tenants right now.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NOLTE, SECOND BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 4296 as is with the direction that the city attorney bring this issue back to council after researching the points brought up in this meeting.

11. City Council Appointments/Reappointments to Local and Regional Boards/Commissions/Agencies

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

- 1) Review the City Council Appointments to Local and Regional Boards/Commissions/Agencies roster and make new appointments or reappointments as needed; and
- 2) Direct staff to post an updated Form 806 on the City's website following the appointments.

This item did not require a motion and vote. Council went through the list of local and regional boards/commissions and agencies to reappointment council members if necessary.

12. Finding of Public Benefit to the Community at Large-Recommended Expenditure(s) and Recap of Expended 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 to provide emergency relief for those affected by COVID-19 Pandemic – Requested Amount: TBD

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

Item 12 was heard after item 8.

Live comment was as follows:

Sonya Adams from Celebrating a Vision spoke about her organization's work in the community and asked for more council involvement.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to make a finding of public benefit for item A.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Creating an Inclusionary Housing Program

It is recommended that the City Council open the public hearing and after receiving testimony and public comment close the public hearing, introduce, waive further and give first reading to the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 4295 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4006, ALSO KNOWN AS THE POMONA CITY CODE, WITH THE ADDITION OF ARTICLE VIII TO CHAPTER 74 ADOPTING AN INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF POMONA

Deputy City Manager Kirk Pelser presented this item. He highlighted the main points of the inclusionary policy and spoke about the changes made since the December 7th meeting based on councilmember recommendations.

The mayor opened the public hearing.

Live comments were as follows:

Gary Hester from Crestwood Communities spoke about the financial burden that will be passed on to the buyer if this ordinance is enacted.

Miranda Sheffield asked questions about similar cities that have gone through this process and how they have fared. She asked about California cities with similar demographics and the statistics on how inclusionary housing has worked or not in their cities. She asked how this process would be equitable if so many people will be competing for these low-income properties.

Adam Donner, pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Pomona, spoke in support of this ordinance. He knows many people who would like to stay in Pomona but do not know how they can afford it. He spoke about the need to find as many options to help low-income families as the council can. He said he believes this is a great step forward.

Carlos Rodriguez, CEO for Building Industry Association of Southern California Baldy View Chapter, spoke again, as in previous meetings, about his opposition for this ordinance. He said that statistics from other cities with this type of ordinance have shown a decrease in building permits pulled.

****PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT FOR SEVEN (7) EMAIL COMMENTS READ DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

After email comments were read, the mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmembers commented and asked questions regarding this item.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 6-1 (COUNCILMEMBER TORRES OPPOSED), to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 4295.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Lusto spoke about an email received from a councilmember in Torrance looking for support in an effort to keep the state from interfering in local control. He requested that staff put together a resolution similar to Torrance to send to the state legislature.

Mayor Sandoval spoke about the possibility of a special meeting coming up regarding the heroes pay issue. He also acknowledged an African American community group who have been using the Gist Building downtown as a community space to do their work.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 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

JANUARY 4, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CATHY TESSIER – I have been impressed in the past few months with the Chamber's increasing involvement with the community at large - not just the business community. This has led to increasingly stronger outreach programs to various business groups. This outreach has enabled contacts with city departments and staff to establish better lines of communication. I believe it is important that the Chamber pursue this new direction and grow its community orientation, which should increase its membership base as well.

ROBERTO ARNOLD (AMERICAN LEGION POST 30) – I would like to thank the Pomona Chamber of Commerce for their continuous support to our Nonprofit organization. This last year has been especially hard for everyone in the business-community, and the Pomona chamber of commerce has gone above and beyond by providing services, resources, and partnerships.

Our organization has been drastically changing and rebranding to be a more inclusive veteran organization across the Pomona Valley. The Pomona chamber has been crucial to our strategic partnerships in the city and around the valley.

We have partnered up to do food drives, beautification, and veteran awareness. From helping with brand recognition, to building partnerships with local nonprofits to benefit the city and our community, the Pomona Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental to helping not only our Veterans, their families and our Pomona Community!

SONYA ADAMS – My name is Sonya Adams and I'm the founder/CEO of Award-winning organization Celebrating A Vision. We provide amazing experiences to survivors and foster kids. Mostly "OUT OF POCKET." Thank you to the City of Pomona for assisting us in our Childhood Cancer Christmas toy drive. We were able to donate over 200 toys to the Pomona Valley Pediatric Dept. It was quite challenging because we had to shelf a lot of projects due to COVID-19, but the mission was completed. We provide random acts of kindness all year round and have surprised over 500 people as of today. Sonya, even won the Random act of helpfulness Hero Award by Honda. Please continue to support her efforts in the community. She is a Philanthropic Powerhouse.

BEN MILLER – I'm the owner of a classic car repair and restoration business at 395 E. Commercial Street (2002AD). A couple of years ago we had homeless problem. The mayor came by and told me that the city was working on acquiring a yard to build a homeless shelter in, which you succeeded in doing and that took care of our problem for a few years. But unfortunately the homeless came back about the time the virus hit.

Yesterday I counted 10 tents pitched on the sidewalk in front of our shop and across the street from us. Every day I have to spend 30 minutes to an hour cleaning up my sidewalks

and the street in front of my business, before I open up, so that my customers can park and enter the building. The homeless are also using my alley for their toilet (even though we are forced to take in and deliver customer cars there now, because we don't want to use our front door), and they're using the fire hydrant across from us as their shower. All day long we have to hear their loud music and their screaming and profaning at each other. Some of my customers are telling me they don't want to bring their cars here anymore because they're uncomfortable with all the homeless around. So I am asking you today for help with this.

We see the code compliance SUV and dump truck come by a couple of times a week, which we really appreciate, but they only pick up big stuff from the street and won't pick up the "pee and poop", even though we've asked them to do so. They used to confiscate the tents and other stuff, which resulted in the homeless leaving, but now they don't touch anything, and when the police leave the area, and the homeless come right back and repitch their tents, it looks no different than before the police came. I look forward to hearing from you about what you can do for me.

JULIE MESTAS – There continues to be frustration in District 6 over the city councilperson not responding to requests for communication. It is not fair that the Mayor and representatives from the other districts have to take on our issues. I left a message for Mr. Torres six weeks ago and have not yet received a call in return. It was concerning a business in his District. What are we supposed to do when we have issues in District 6? This question continues to be asked, but no one has provided an answer. Assistance would be appreciated.

GREG ESTEL – Further discussion regarding Rental Inspections is a waste of time. Due to the nature of my occupation, I engage with a lot of tenants and landlords. Most of the tenants are happy and most of the housing providers are taking care of business. It is sometimes difficult to schedule appointments with tenants when they are having maintenance issues. I accommodate their working schedules with flexible hours, but most workers do not. Expecting a tenant to take off work so their unit can be inspected is going to be a scheduling nightmare. Currently with Covid-19 restrictions, people are especially worried about others entering their homes. Tenants have the ability to contact the Health Department or Code Enforcement if there is a health and safety issue the landlord is not willing to resolve. It is my opinion that these issues are very few and far between. If tenants are not happy with their landlords, then they should serve them with a notice to move and vacate the property. It is important that you concentrate on issues that will actually improve the quality of life for those residing in Pomona. An Inspection Ordinance is not going to accomplish this.

RIKKI FINE – Mayor Sandoval and Members of the Pomona City Council:

What is being done about eliminating the homeless encampment on Eleanor and Commercial? It is interesting that those not living in my neighborhood are generous about dropping off supplies to these tent dwellers. If you want to be compassionate, then invite them to go home with you. You are welcome to have them sleep on your front porch, steal your personal belongings, and strip down to take showers with your hose and water. I no longer want my family's environment and safety to be in question. It is unsafe and

unhealthy to allow them to live on the street in my neighborhood. Action on this situation is way overdue. Please do something about this as soon as possible. Thank you.

DANNY MAC – I'm asking for an update on the grand opening of the cannabis dispensaries here in the city. Seems we are constantly dragging our feet on much-needed revenue as far as the opening of these establishments we've now gone 4+ years and still no sign of a legal cannabis dispensary. As you are well aware that there is an illegal dispensary operating on N. Garey Ave. on a 24 hour basis. Can you explain either through the council or the police chief why this illegal dispensary continues to operate. Yet a legal dispensary is still not opened in the city. We wait patiently for your response for this much needed revenue

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 10 (Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance for Local Residential Eviction Protection Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

MICHAEL SIMONDS – I recently wrote a check to renew business licenses for my Pomona rental property. Who would you suggest I communicate with to find out what this money pays for? With the number of rentals in the City of Pomona, this money must be a substantial income boost for the annual budget. Considering these rental business license fees represent a lot of owners, it seems that the members of the Pomona City Council would be receptive to having conversations with rental owners before making decisions regarding their properties. Please do not extend an eviction moratorium or make any other decisions regarding rental property without discussing the pros and cons with owners and property managers who have been requesting seats at the table. All the owners and tenants I have spoken with have been working well together during this pandemic. Please leave our business alone. It is important that you work individually with those who are asking for help instead of punishing the rest of us. When do you plan to open dialog with the property owners, who are by your definition, Pomona business owners? Pomona's future depends on it.

KEITH BOOKER – Why do you want to continue to support irresponsible tenants who are using the pandemic as an excuse for bad behavior? I continue to be frustrated with my next-door neighbors. They are not paying rent, but are able to bankroll their frequent parties. Protecting them further by extending the eviction moratorium is ridiculous. One of them has been arrested twice (that I know of) and the residents in our complex call the police on a regular basis due to their disruptive activities. The good tenants of Pomona need your assistance by allowing land lords to remove bad ones. People claim they do not have money to pay their rent, but they can still have beer and pizza parties, purchase fireworks, and buy drugs. Please give the power back to the property owners. They deserve support instead of roadblocks. Good neighbors are suffering as collateral damage for government interference. Please stay out of the property management business.

JULIE MESTAS – I respectfully request that you vote "NO" on the extension of the eviction moratorium. It is important that housing providers be able to evict tenants who are not following the rules. I am tired of bothering the members of the Pomona Police Department by my constant calls regarding my neighbors. Yelling and running up and

down the common area at all hours of the night, assaulting people, and blocking me from exiting my car are just not acceptable behaviors. Parking on my street is scarce and their friends occupy many of the spaces that should be available for the residents. You want to protect them because of COVID, but as evidenced by the number of people who visit their unit on a daily basis, they are not worried about contracting it or exposing their neighbors to it. Please do not make it more difficult for housing providers to evict tenants. My neighbors and I are tired of putting up with this nuisance which has been prolonged due to government interference. Thank you for your time.

GREG ESTEL – I am against extending the moratorium on evictions. Prudent housing providers are not going to begin an eviction without a good reason. They are time-consuming and expensive. All the tenants and property owners I know are working together during this time of crisis. They need to be left alone as they are capable of finding their own solutions. Thank you.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR ITEM NO. 13 (Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Creating an Inclusionary Housing Program)

JUDITH TIERSMA – Mr. Mayor and city council, my name is Judith (Jude) Tiersma, resident of Hacienda Park, Pomona. We bought a home here last year after 30 years in central LA and have become big Pomona fans!! I am writing to express my support of the inclusionary zoning for Pomona. The need for more affordable housing is even more critical during this Covid crisis. While inclusionary zoning won't provide all the needed affordable housing, it is an important tool the city can use to move us forward. Thank you for your work on behalf of our city.

HUGH WIRE – Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council, my name is Hugh Wire, member of ICON, active with Pomona's First Presbyterian Church and supporter of activities building up Pomona, though a resident of Claremont. I writing in support of your positive consideration this evening of item 13, the inclusionary zoning ordinance. As Pomona continues to become a more attractive city for families and young adults, the cost of housing rises, forcing out existing residents and pricing out its essential workers, not only in service occupations, but its teachers, nurses and government workers. This you know. The proposed regulation of course will not in itself make or keep Pomona affordable. Hopefully it is but one more of the initiatives the Council will encourage to make Pomona thrive.

JOSEPH GEORGE – My name is Joseph George member of ICON, member of First Presbyterian Church, and a 25-year resident of Pomona. I am in support of the inclusionary zoning for our city. Clearly, our city is in dire need of more affordable housing. While inclusionary zoning won't provide all the needed affordable housing, I encourage the city council to take further steps towards this worthy goal.

JENNA HOOVER – Mr. Mayor and city council, my name is Jenna Hoover, Youth Director of First Presbyterian Church of Pomona, member of ICON, and resident of Pomona. I am commenting in support of item #13 inclusionary housing zoning for our city. It is long overdue. We need more affordable housing. This is one of the tools the city can use to

provide more affordable housing. While inclusionary zoning won't provide all the needed affordable housing for our community, we in ICON want to see that the best inclusionary zoning policy is created to set us up well for the future.

MEGAN GEARHART – Mr. Mayor and city council,

My name is Megan Gearhart. I am a member of ICON, elder of First Presbyterian Church, president of Pomona Heritage, vice-president of the Pomona Public Library Board of Trustees and a twenty year resident of Pomona. I am in support of the inclusionary zoning for our city. We need more affordable housing to build stronger neighborhoods. While inclusionary zoning won't provide all that is needed, it is an important tool Pomona can use to provide more. ICON and Pomona residents like myself want to see the best inclusionary zoning policy possible.

AMY DONNER – Hello Mr. Mayor and City Council,

My name is Amy Donner. I am a resident of Pomona and a member of First Presbyterian Church. I am in support of the inclusionary zoning for our city. It is long overdue. We need more affordable housing. This is one of the tools the city can use to provide more affordable housing. While inclusionary zoning won't provide all the needed affordable housing, we want to see that the best inclusionary zoning policy is created. Thank you.

DEREK ENGDAHL – Mayor Sandoval and City Council,

My name is Derek Engdahl. I am writing in support of the inclusionary zoning proposal and to encourage the city council to act on it as soon as possible. My only concern is that if we allow developers to opt out through payment to the city we may not be able to guarantee that affordable housing gets built. If we move ahead with this proposal I think we should have some city plan that articulates how this will happen. Thank you.