



# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Special Meeting Minutes

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

*Mayor Tim Sandoval  
Councilmember John Nolte  
Councilmember Victor Preciado  
Councilmember Mayor Nora Garcia  
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole  
Vice Mayor 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.*

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Monday, May 10, 2021

6:00 PM

Teleconference via Zoom

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#### **SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**

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

#### **A) 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

**6:00 P.M. Teleconference via Zoom, closed to the public**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Manager James Makshanoff stated there was no reportable action from closed session. All councilmembers except Councilmember Torres were present in closed session.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Mayor Lustro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **STAFF PRESENT via Zoom**

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

Hilda Estrada, contracted by the City, provided translation services via Zoom.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Study Session**

It is recommended that the City Council review the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets and provide direction.

Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director, gave the staff presentation. He advised that the guidelines for the federal American Relief Act have been released and he will update the council as to how those funds can be used in the City's budget.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

\*Public Participation took place after the presentation in the Discussion Calendar by the Mayor's request.

*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 the specific Discussion 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 TWO (2) EMAIL COMMENTS READ DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEM 1.**

**No live comments.**

Councilmembers made comments and asked questions about this item.

**This was a presentation and discussion item so no action was taken.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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

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

**MAY 10, 2021 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR ITEM NO. 1 (Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Study Session)**

**MEGAN GEARHART** – My name is Megan Gearhart. This year I have the privilege of serving as the chair of the Library Board of Trustees. I am pleased to see in the 2021-2022 budget that the city is choosing to increase library funding this year. I recently read an article from the American Library Association that estimates for every dollar a city spends on libraries there is a return of investment of between 2 and 8 dollars. I use our physical library and digital services regularly and estimate I've saved about \$5,000 this year thanks to the services our library provides. I know I am just one of many Pomona citizens who benefit from our library and much of that benefit is harder to quantify. I hope the budget increase is part of a larger positive trend as I know this Mayor and city council cares deeply about investing in Pomona.

**LIDIA MANZANARES** – My name is Lidia Manzanares and I am a Pomona resident. Thank you for hosting this open budget study session. I am writing to ask you to consider establishing an Equity review and analysis process as part of your budget process. As a Pomona resident, I would appreciate an Equity analysis of programs that will be impacted by budget cuts and an affirmation that certain communities are not shouldering the burden of the cuts more than others. An equity analysis would ideally also be done for any programming. Many cities big and small across the country are adopting this practice. I would also like to emphasize the importance of program evaluations and making those evaluations accessible to the public. Residents should be able to easily look up the goals and other metrics for a variety of programs and track their successes and short comings and how that all ties to the budget process. Did this program achieve its stated goals? Was it an efficient use of money? Evaluating and publicly releasing findings of programs can not only help inform future policy decisions, but it can also show residents where money is going and how effectively it's being used in a more meaningful way.