



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
Vice-Mayor Victor Preciado
Councilmember Rubio R. Gonzalez
Councilmember 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 27, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

5:30 P.M. City Council Conference Room

CLOSED SESSION

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

Gregory Lucas v. City of Pomona
Stanley Mosk Courthouse; Case No. 19STCP05618

B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

-Two (2) matters matter regarding possible litigation to be initiated will be discussed
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4))

-Seven (7) matters regarding exposure to litigation will be discussed (Pursuant to
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2))

C) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Police Chief

D) 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

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho reported that the City Council had convened into Closed Session with Mayor Sandoval calling the Closed Session meeting to order. City Attorney Carvalho reported that direction was given to Council on Item A, Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation and Council gave staff direction by a unanimous vote to initiate litigation for the two (2) matters discussed under Item B, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Ms. Carvalho added that there was no reportable action for Item C, Public Employee Appointment and Item D, Conference with Labor Negotiators.

7:00 P.M. Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Junior ROTC Color Guard from Pomona High School presented the Posting of the Colors.

Mayor Sandoval led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval
Vice-Mayor Victor Preciado
Councilmember Nora Garcia

Councilmember Rubio R. Gonzalez
Councilmember Steve Lustro
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Councilmember Robert Torres

STAFF PRESENT

James Makshanoff, City Manager
Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk
Karla Shipman, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

A. Certificate of Recognition to Chara Swodeck

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Sandoval requested for a moment of silence to acknowledge the nine (9) lives lost, including the life of Kobe Bryant, in the tragic helicopter crash which occurred on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

Councilmember Preciado wished the community a Happy Lunar New Year. He spoke on his attendance at the Spoken Palabra open mic event at Tony Cerda Park which took place on Friday, January 24, 2020. Councilmember Preciado also shared about the success of the tree planting event that was hosted by Clean & Green at Ralph Welch Park. He also informed the community of the community alley way clean-up scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2020 and the free event hosted by Project Hope at Tony Cerda Park scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2020.

Councilmember Lustro spoke on his participation in the City's homeless count and shared that the District 4 community meeting hosted by Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole was well attended and organized. He also thanked the volunteers who assisted in the tree planting event hosted by Clean and Green.

Councilmember Gonzalez spoke on his attendance at the Lunar New Year Downtown event and also shared that he had participated in the City's homeless count and attended the MLK scholarship event in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. He also announced that he had participated in a public banking meeting. Councilmember Gonzalez informed the community of the following events occurring in the City: Clean & Green tree planting at Kennedy Park on Saturday, February 1, 2020; Grand Opening of new park in the City of Pomona on Saturday, February 8, 2020. He also shared his condolences for Kobe Bryant.

Councilmember Garcia apologized for not attending the January 6, 2020 Council meeting due to being ill and informed the community about the upcoming Second Annual Heart Walk event in District 3 at Washington Park scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2020 and various tree planting events in the City. Councilmember Garcia thank Police Chief Mike Olivieri for his service to the City of Pomona and invited the community to the next scheduled City Council meeting.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole shared that she had participated in the Lunar New Year event and also indicated she had attended the Optimist Club event in which four students were awarded with a certificate of recognition and also spoke on her attendance at the MLK event. She commented on the great turn out to her District 4 community meeting and indicated that she had attended an appropriations request workshop.

Councilmember Torres apologized for his absence at the previous City Council meeting due to a family emergency. He shared that he would be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on February 13, 2020 at Palomares Park at 6:30 p.m. to introduce the City Manager and members of the City staff. Councilmember Torres also thanked the Pomona Police Department Heart Team for their work in District 6 and shared his support for the Police Department and thanked them for their hard work.

Mayor Sandoval acknowledged the Police Chief Olivieri and thanked him for his service to the City of Pomona. He also shared with the community of the following upcoming events in the City: "Meet & Greet" with the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Trivia Bee scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Sandoval also thanked the young individuals present at the Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager James Makshanoff expressed as the new City Manager he was looking forward to the upcoming year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following members of the public did not speak but wished to have their support or opposition read into the record:

Tremale Ratcliffe – In support of Tony Cerda Park

Beatriz Rodriguez – Concerned with sidewalk vending

Ramon Alvarez – In support of sidewalk vending

Tony Cerda – In support of Tony Cerda Park

Debra Cerda – In support of the restoration of Tony Cerda Park

Connie Almaguer – In support of the restoration of Tony Cerda Park

Marcelina Rios – Concerned with sidewalk vending

Jhovani Rosas – Concerned with sidewalk vending

Daisy Rosas – Concerned with sidewalk vending

Reina Bucina – In support of Tony Cerda Park

Valeria Gamboa – In support of Tony Cerda Park

Ramon Gamboa – In support of Tony Cerda Park

The following members of the public spoke during Public Participation:

Gerald Rodriguez gave an overview of the current conditions at Tony Cerda Park and asked for needed improvements.

Edward Samaniego requested that Tony Cerda Park be improved.

Mayor Sandoval requested that a special Study Session be done on the status of the parks in the City and also include the current funding for parks and future plans for the various parks throughout Pomona.

Holly Reynolds shared on various events occurring at the Fairplex.

Julian Mandujano spoke on his concerns with the conditions of Tony Cerda Park.

Gonzalo Saucedo spoke on his concerns with City parks.

Jim Sanbrano spoke on his concerns with the set-up of the Charter Review Commission meetings.

Angela Sanbrano shared her support for the City's youth.

Erelia Rocha expressed her support for the Pomona Student Union.

Fabian Pavon spoke on how the mural at Tony Cerda Park brought the community together.

Benjamin Wood shared his support for sidewalk vendors and stressed that the process for an individual to become a sidewalk vendor needs to be fair.

Jesus Sanchez spoke on the housing crisis in the city and the need to give the youth in the community a voice through the youth commission.

Jose Calderon supported the youth who spoke at the meeting.

Andrew Miron spoke on the housing crisis in the city.

Randy Bekendam spoke on the positive aspects of urban farming.

Yesenia Meza expressed her support for the youth present at the Council meeting and also for all sidewalk vendors. She also requested that a rent freeze be placed in the City and rent control be explored.

Iris Villalpando expressed concern for the housing situation and stated the low income community was not supported by the Council.

Mike Suarez shared his concerns with the conduct of the Pomona Police Department.

Graciela Conchas shared her support for sidewalk vendors and requested for a moratorium on the fining of sidewalk vendors.

Desiree Munoz expressed her support of Tony Cerda Park improvements.

John Mendoza commented on the new voting system that will be available at the next election.

Jaime Espinoza, representative from "Project Home," requested funding from the Council for an upcoming event under the Finding of Public Benefit item of the agenda.

Deanna Hernandez commented on the current conditions of Tony Cerda Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire consent calendar

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:

October 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the City Council meeting minutes for October 21, 2019, December 2, 2019 and December 16, 2019.

2. Approval to Submit Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) Applications to California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the submittal of a funding application to the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for the preparation of a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to approve to submit LRSP applications to CalTrans.

3. Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Fund a Family Unification Program for Qualified Transitional-Aged Youth

It is recommended that the City Council, sitting as the Governing Board of the Pomona Housing Authority, take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO FUND A FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE (FYI) THAT WILL PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH (TAY) FACING HOMELESSNESS OR AT-RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

- 2) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as required by the FYI application, subject to City Attorney review and approval; and

- 3) Authorize the City Manager/Executive Director to execute appropriate contracts and documentation requested for submittal of application to HUD.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-11 and approve and MOU with the LA County DCFS.

4. Receive and File Report Required by City Ordinance No. 4244 Related to the California Values Act (SB 54)

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file a status report of the City's compliance with City of Pomona Ordinance No. 4244 and the State of California Values Act (SB 54).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, CARRIED 7-0, to receive and file a report related to the California Values Act (SB 54)

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

5. 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 to Pomona American Little League in support of their league operations – Requested Amount: \$1,200
 - B) Amount to be determined in support of Project Hope CA Inc. for community resource outreach at Tony Cerda Park – Requested Amount: TBD
 - C) Amount to be determined in support of the Pomona Inland Valley MLK Jr. Project for their 38th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration – Requested Amount: TBD
 - D) Amount to be determined in support of the Phil & Nell Soto Park for Grand Opening–Requested Amount: TBD
- 2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts for previously approved projects/activities.

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

6. Adopt the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the Public Right-of-Way

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan in Public Right-of-Way.

Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director, gave the presentation on this item

Councilmembers Garcia, Preciado and Lustro all had comments on this item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the Public Right-of-Way

7. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 62-299 of the Pomona City Code and to Approve a Resolution to Adopt a Policy on Discontinuation of Residential Water Service

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A POLICY ON DISCONTINUATION OF RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE

- 2) Introduce and give first reading to the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 4280 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 62-299 OF THE POMONA CITY CODE PERTAINING TO WATER SERVICE BILLING, DELINQUENCY, AND DISCONNECTION FOR NONPAYMENT

Chris Diggs, gave the presentation on this item

John Mendoza had questions about the residents affected by this new policy.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ONTIVEROS-COLE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-10 and to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 4280.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Garcia requested a special meeting to discuss park issues and requested a report on affordable housing covenants with respect to who was out of compliance.

Councilmember Preciado spoke on the Parks and Recreation Spring Catalog requested a meeting with Benita DeFrank to understand how that catalog comes together.

Councilmember Lustro said he was looking forward to working with the new City Manager.

Mayor Sandoval spoke on the passing of Alfred Herrera of the Casa Herrera local business in Pomona and asked this meeting be adjourned in his honor.

ADJOURNMENT

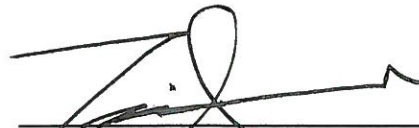
The City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



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

ATTEST:



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