

M I N U T E S
COUNCIL - CITY OF GLENDALE
AUGUST 1, 2006

ROLL CALL:

1. CLOSED SESSION - No Closed Session

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA - 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call - Quintero: Absent

Council Member Quintero entered the Chambers at 6:01 p.m.

- a. Flag Salute - Council Member Manoukian
- b. Invocation - City Clerk Ardashes Kassakhian
- c. Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the August 1, 2006 regular meeting of the Glendale City Council was posted on Thursday, July 27, 2006, on the Bulletin Board outside City Hall.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

a. Agenda Preview for the Meeting of August 8, 2006

Assistant City Manager Robert McFall offered the updated report.

b. Presentation of Donation from the Commission on the Status of Women to Habitat for Humanity

Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women Karla Kerlin, with Commissioners Nayiri Nahabedian and Paula Devine, presented a check to representatives from the Habitat for Humanity.

Council Member Manoukian commended the Commission for contributing to such a worthy cause and for their great efforts. Council Member Yousefian joined Mr. Manoukian in congratulating the Commission for its efforts in helping such a great organization as Habitat for Humanity.

4. CITY COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Council Member Najarian requested that the appointment of Mr. John Miller to the Glendale Water & Power Commission be on next week's Agenda.

Mayor Weaver suggested everyone save the date of September 10 for Dreaming of Roses at KABCTV in Glendale, with a tribute to Frank Sinatra, featuring about 50 restaurants, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Manoukian offered a summary of the seminars he and Council Member Najarian attended in Monterey and addressed some of the topics of interest that were discussed.

Mayor Weaver commented he missed Monterey, but that he gained a son-in-law.

Council Member Yousefian congratulated Mayor Weaver for his daughter's wedding. He requested a report from Building Inspector Stuart Thom regarding the status of big projects and where they were in plan check process. Mr. Yousefian made reference to the Council follow-up list and suggested going over it during a Council meeting to see which items Council was still interested and for those that Council was not, to eliminate them, and save staff time. He further indicated that during the budget sessions, he had requested a breakdown of Fire Department overtime hours and that he would still like to have a report.

Council Member Manoukian indicated that he would be at Brand Farmer's Market on Thursday and at Montrose Farmer's Market on Sunday.

Mayor Weaver announced that he would be skipping Dave's corner tomorrow.

City Manager James Starbird indicated that it had been requested by Council to schedule a study session on the Miscellaneous Clean-Ups and Revisions, Item 9B, and requested that the matter be read into the record.

Mayor Weaver requested that Item 9B be considered next.

9. HEARINGS

b. Director of Planning, re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Titles 16 & 30 of the G.M.C., Relating to Miscellaneous Clean-Ups & Revisions

1. Ordin. for Introduction

Council Member Manoukian moved to continue subject matter to August 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., for a Study Session, without further public notice. Council Member Yousefian seconded the motion.

It was approved by unanimous consent.

5. CONSENT ITEMS (INCLUDING MINUTES)

The following are routine and may be acted upon by one motion. Any member of Council or the audience requesting separate consideration may do so by making such request before motion is proposed.

Mayor Weaver requested that Item 5B be pulled and considered separately.

a. City Clerk, re: Approval of Minutes of the Joint Public Meeting of the City Council & the Housing Authority, & the Joint Meeting

of the City Council & the Redevelopment Agency held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, & the Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006.

Moved: Yousefian

Seconded: Manoukian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Najarian, Quintero, Yousefian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Weaver

c. City Attorney, re: Training Event to be Held at Warner Brothers Studios

1. Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Studio License Agreement

Moved: Yousefian

Seconded: Manoukian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Najarian, Quintero, Yousefian, Weaver

Noes: None

Absent: None

d. Director of Public Works, re: Approval of the Final Map of Tract No. 62339, for a 2-Unit New Condominium Subdivision, at 2755 Montrose Avenue, George Yilin Yao, Subdivider

1. Resol. #06-192 Approving the Final Map of Tract No. 62339

Moved: Yousefian

Seconded: Manoukian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Najarian, Quintero, Yousefian, Weaver

Noes: None

Absent: None

b. Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, re: Recent Water Damage at Maple Park

Those appearing:

Dr. Richard R. Espiritu

Mr. Barry Allen

1. Resol. #06-191 Dispensing with Competitive Bidding & Authorizing the City Manager, or his Designee, to Enter a Construction Contract with Fredrick Towers, Inc. Construction Co.

Moved: Yousefian

Seconded: Manoukian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Najarian, Quintero, Yousefian, Weaver
Noes: None Absent: None

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion is limited to items NOT a part of this agenda. Each Speaker is allowed 5 minutes. Council may question or respond to the speaker but there will be no debate or decision. The City Manager may refer the matter to the appropriate department for investigation and report.

Those appearing:

Chair of the Relay for Life Linda Patrick with Relay Committee
Chairs Dave Ahern, Koko Panossian, Alina Azizian, and Paula Devine
Mr. Mike J. Nagle
Dr. Richard R. Espiritu
Mr. Sooner Gevorkian
Ms. Sona Chapchovian
Mr. Ura Harutoonian
Ms. Anahit Sehranian
Ms. Arevik Karabakhtsian
Mrs. Kohar Mouradova
Ms. Nancy Kent
Mr. Barry Allen
Ms. Margaret Hammond
Mr. James B. Osborn
Ms. Vanessa Molano

7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Ordin. #5530 Amending the Municipal Code to Provide for a Refund of Planning Application Fees for a Zone Change under Specific Circumstances - Offered 7-25-06 (Manoukian)

Council Member Najarian indicated that as he had stated in previous times, he had a conflict of interest in subject matter due to his receiving income from the applicants in the form of rent for office space on a building that he was part owner. The last day he received income was December, 2005, and after conferring with the City Attorney, it was legally and ethically considered appropriate to recuse himself from participating in this matter. City Attorney Scott Howard concurred.

Council Member Najarian left the Chambers.

Those appearing:

Mr. Barry Allen
Ms. Rita Koechowski

Ms. Nancy Kent
Ms. Susan Roberts
Ms. Margaret Hammond

Moved: Manoukian

Seconded: Yousefian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Quintero, Yousefian, Weaver
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Najarian

Council Member Najarian returned to the Chambers.

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Director of Administrative Services, re: Amendment to Utility Users Tax Ordinances Due to Federal Actions

Those appearing:

Mr. Barry Allen

1. Urgency Ordin. for Introduction Amending the City's Utility Users Tax

Subject Ordinance was introduced by Council Member Najarian

b. Director of Public Works, re: Installation of Radar Speed Display on East Chevy Chase Drive, South Adams Street, & East Glenoaks Boulevard

City Attorney Scott Howard stated that the record should reflect that Council Member Yousefian owned property at or near the location of one of these signs and, as a result, would need to recuse himself.

Council Member Yousefian left the Chambers.

The motion was amended to read as follows:

"That the Council of the City of Glendale finds that CSI Electrical Contractor, Incorporated is the lowest responsible bidder for the installation of Radar Display Signs at twelve locations as more particularly outlined in the staff report dated August 1, 2006, in the City of Glendale, as described in Specifications No. 3192, and that the bid of CSI Electrical Contractors, Incorporated for the amount of \$118,425.50, be, and the same is hereby accepted, as recommended by the Director of Public Works, and that all other bids be, and are, hereby rejected. The Council further approves a reserve for contingencies in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the

bid (\$12,000). The four signs to be located at the northerly reaches of Chevy Chase Canyon shall be relocated consistent with priorities established by the Traffic and Transportation Administrator, subject to approval by the Council."

Moved: Manoukian

Seconded: Quintero

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Najarian, Quintero, Weaver

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Yousefian

Council Member Yousefian returned to the Chambers.

c. Director of Public Works, re: Seismic Upgrade of the Municipal Services Building - Spec. No. 3151

Those appearing:

Mr. Barry Allen

1. Motion Awarding Contract to DJM Construction Co., Inc. & Directing the City Manager to Execute the Contract

Moved: Yousefian

Seconded: Manoukian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Najarian, Quintero, Yousefian, Weaver

Noes: None

Absent: None

2. The Motion was amended to read as follows:

"That the Council hereby approves a lease-purchase financing agreement with SunTrust Leasing Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$8,325,000, plus costs and interests, for the purpose of financing the seismic upgrade of the Municipal Services Building ("Project") pending an additional funding determination by the Federal Emergency Management Administration or, an alternative permanent financing plan for the Project. The terms and conditions of said agreement shall be as set forth in the memorandum to Council from the Director of Administrative Services dated August 1, 2006, attached hereto as Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated herein. Said loan shall collateralize any rolling stock listed in Exhibit A as agreed between SunTrust and the City. The City Manager is authorized to execute said loan agreement for the Project, subject to approval by the City Attorney. Pursuant to Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ("Code"), the City

specifically designates said lease-purchase agreement as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code."

Moved: Yousefian

Seconded: Manoukian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Najarian, Quintero, Yousefian, Weaver

Noes: None

Absent: None

3. Resol. #06-193 of Appropriation of \$8,325,000 for the Municipal Services Building

Moved: Yousefian

Seconded: Manoukian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Manoukian, Najarian, Quintero, Yousefian, Weaver

Noes: None

Absent: None

d. City Attorney, re: Exchange of City-Owned Property at Pennsylvania/Encinal Avenue for Privately-Owned Property Commonly Known as "Deerpass"

Those appearing:

Mr. Barry Allen

1. Ordin. for Introduction for Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Deed for the Conveyance of Property (Pennsylvania), Accepting a Grant Deed for Acquisition of Property (Deerpass) and Executing all other Documents Necessary to Effect a Land Exchange

Subject Ordinance was introduced by Council Member Yousefian.

9. HEARINGS

a. Director of Planning, re: Appeal of Use & Standards Variance Case No. PVAR 2005-042, Located at 4701-4749 San Fernando Road

Those representing the appellant:

Senior Assistant City Attorney Michael Grant

Senior Assistant City Attorney Gillian Van Muyden

Senior Project Manager, Development Services, Robert Kadlac

Those representing the applicant:

Mr. John M. Gantus

Mr. Carvel Gay

Mr. Michael Gay
Mr. Rick Barnes

Those appearing:

Ms. Nancy Kent
Mr. Barry Allen
Board of Zoning Appeals Annette Ohanganian
Assistant City Attorney Paul Early
Board of Zoning Appeals Art Devine

1. Motion Continuing the Matter & Directing the City Attorney to Prepare Written Findings to Reverse the BZA Decision & Deny Use & Standards Variance

Moved: Yousefian

Seconded: Najarian

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Najarian, Yousefian, Weaver
Noes: Manoukian, Quintero
Absent: None

10. REPORTS - INFORMATION

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT: 11:59 p.m.

Moved: Najarian

Seconded: Manoukian

Mayor of the City of Glendale

City Clerk of the City of Glendale