

**MINUTES
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 2, 2019**

ROLL CALL

1. CLOSED SESSION

2. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA – 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call – All Present

- a. Flag Salute: Council Member Najarian
- b. Invocation: Ardashes Kassakhian, City Clerk
- c. Report of City Clerk, re: Posting of Agenda. The Agenda for the April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Glendale City Council was Posted on Friday, March 29, 2019, on the Bulletin Board Outside City Hall.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

a. Agenda Preview for the Meetings of Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Asst. City Manager Roubik Golanian provided the preview.

b. Selection of a New Mayor

City Clerk Ardy Kassakhian presided the meeting for the Selection of a New Mayor. Senator Portantino's staff presented a Certificate of Recognition for outgoing Mayor Sinanyan.

Mayor Sinanyan thanked his colleagues for the honor. Last April, his agenda for the year were the following: expand low-income housing, expand economy through tech initiatives, bring modern transit, fruition of the Artsakh Paseo project, deeper cooperation with GUSD, return City Council in Your Neighborhood concept, sustainability of the Grayson Repowering, transform the less attended library into a Children's Library, seek a Charter review, and initiate Mayor's Nonprofit Summit. He was happy to report that most of the projects came to fruition except the Charter review which he will pursue as a Councilmember. He spoke about Service Titan occupying the Nestle building. He thanked the residents for their support and wished the new incoming Mayor best of luck and cooperation from Council.

City Clerk asked Council for nomination of Mayor. Najarian nominated himself for the Office of the Mayor. Seconded by Gharpetian. No other nominations were called.

Vote as Follows

Ayes: Agajanian, Devine, Gharpetian, Najarian, Sinanyan
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

City Clerk Kassakhian declared Councilmember Najarian as the next Mayor of Glendale for the ensuing year, and the Mayor was seated.

Mayor Najarian presented a plaque to the outgoing Mayor Sinanyan for a fine job he did for the past year. The Council, as a whole, has the same mindset in many items and that is, what is best for the City of Glendale, and how they can make the residents' lives and the quality of life even better. He thanked his family for their support. He thanked Sinanyan for his leadership and for keeping Council going in the right direction. This is

Najarian's 4th time as Mayor. He became a Councilmember in 2005. He stated that the job does not get any easier since the City becomes more complex as it goes forward in time. He stated Glendale was a sleepy town in 2005 and now has a lot of activities, 18-hour days, great retailers, a vibrant downtown; the City certainly has changed in the last 14 years.

There is no set rotation for Mayor's position but Council tries to be fair and brings each Councilmember to the position of Mayor at the right time in his or her term that is best for the City. He hopes to help and mentor the next Mayor to be the best Mayor in 2020. Being Mayor is ceremonial but presides the Council meetings, quells uprisings in the Chambers, and be the face and voice of the City. As a Mayor, he will make sure that each meeting will run in an orderly fashion and that each of his colleagues have the ample opportunity to raise issues and question the positions brought by other colleagues, Council, staff, and the public. The public citizens who wish to speak to Council will be given the dignity and respect that they are owed. He may at times remind speakers that dignity and respect is a two-way street. Personal attacks and threats to any councilmember is an attack to all of them and will not be tolerated.

He talked about his concern to secure energy for the future and air quality issues. He also mentioned that Los Angeles have electrical transmission opportunities and he will make sure that Glendale will not fall into position where we are vulnerable to other cities.

He proposed election reform measures, increase budget for the City Clerk to educate and enforce the election laws, implement a Lobbyist Registration, and ethics reform. He will continue to bring transparency and trust in our government process. He wanted to see stricter disclosure of relationships for the applicants for government entitlements, contractors, and their employees.

Council has addressed the issue regarding the Comfort Woman statue. He asked to invite the Counsel Generals of Japan and South Korea to meet in Glendale and to publicly affirm the accords when they both signed the agreement four years ago. He wanted to assure the benefits of a warm relationship between all of us. He would like to revive the Sister City programs. He will visit Tlaquepaque in Jalisco, Mexico in the near future, to meet their Mayor. As a member of the Metro Board, he stated that the Bus Rapid Transit is being refined right now – to connect Glendale to the Rail System of Metro. He looked forward to the completion of the Beeline Maintenance Facility. He will be working to help "green" the City's fleet vehicles with electric and alternative fuels. As Vice-Chairman of Metrolink, he will try to develop more rail systems between LA Union Station to Glendale and other cities. He will help implement subsidized taxis in downtown and push the streetcar feasibility study. Funding has always been an issue but has heard from foreign investors who are interested in a streetcar line in Glendale. He will make sure that the streets of Glendale are still smooth by directing staff to fix several potholes. He asked for information to get electric battery-powered leaf blowers. He asked to create a subsidy housing program to the most-needy residents. He asked to schedule a meeting with the Glendale Community College and La Crescenta Town Council, to be in touch with them and discuss issues important to Glendale. He asked to have a meeting also with GUSD to discuss the public usage of their swimming pools. He looked forward to the renovation of the Fremont Park Renovation Project and would also continue to support the Nonprofit Summit Event former Mayor Sinanyan initiated.

