

MINUTES

CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL REGUAR MEETING and CITY OF CUDAHY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY and HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CUDAHY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

April 5, 2022 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor / Chair Alcantar called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council / Agency Member Jack M. Guerrero (left at 8:08 p.m.)
Council / Agency Member Blanca Lozoya
Council / Agency Member Daisy Lomelí
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Jose R. Gonzalez (arrived at 6:39 p.m.)
Mayor / Chair Elizabeth Alcantar

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Alfonso Noyola, Deputy City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga, City Clerk, Richard Iglesias, Junior Deputy City Clerk, Estefania Zamora, Finance Director, Joshua Calhoun, Director of Administrative Services, Brenda Rodriguez and Interim Community Development Manager, Salvador Lopez.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Lomelí.

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Land Acknowledgment was led by Council Member Lomelí.

We would like to acknowledge that the land we inhabit today was once known as Tovangaar, the home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. We show our respects to the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, as well as all Indigenous people, past, present, and future, and honor their labor as original caretakers of this land. We commit to uplifting the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, invite you to acknowledge the history, and join us in caring for this land.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Ellen Ochoa Learning Center Presentation by Principal Marcos Hernandez.

B. Ellen Ochoa Learning Center Principal Marcos Hernandez Recognition.

- C. Ellen Ochoa Learning Center Robotics Students and Teachers Recognition for Judges Award at Vex Robotics State Championships.
- D. Presentation by Brixmor Property Group on a proposed new development at Cudahy Plaza.
- E. Administrative Services Department Annual Update.

6. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Guerrero stated he would be withdrawing from closed session due to not being presented with any background on this mentioned case and spoke in opposition to the closed sessions regarding the City Manager selection process.

Deputy City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga stated all closed session items have been properly agenzized at all times with regard to City Manager and all other items.

At 7:13 p.m., Deputy City Attorney, Stephanie Arechiga recessed to closed session.

At 7:13 p.m., Council Member Guerrero left the meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Potential Litigation – One Matter

At 7:30 p.m., Council Member Guerrero return to the meeting.

At 7:31 p.m., Mayor Alcantar reconvened to open session.

8. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Deputy City Attorney Stephanie Arechiga announced Council was briefed, no reportable action at this time.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bertha Martinez mentioned how proud she is of Ellen Ochoa Learning Center and their robotics team, stated she emailed the donation letter to Council to support the robotics team and spoke on the robotics event.

10. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS / REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Guerrero advocated for the California ballot initiative called Educational Freedom Act, for parents can pursue education for their children at the best

schools of their choice regardless of zip code, stated there is an active signature gathering process in place now, made reference to the School Accountability Report Card from the Department of Education in Sacramento, spoke about previous public comments on local schools, and the main priority of education, mentioned many students falling through the cracks, mentioning that student failure responsibility lies in the schools, advocated for options for programs that can better serve the need of families and foster a competitive mark place for education.

Council Member Lozoya questioned the lights by the river street being all out, wants to know what is happening there.

City Manager, Alfonso Noyola responded to Council Member Lozoya and stated there has been wiring theft of the electrical lights in that area, but staff is aware and are actively working to get it secured.

Council Member Lomeli thanked everyone for being at the meeting, addressed some point made by her colleague regarding schools, attacking teachers and testing is the only mark for student achievement, commented on the potential students have and invited Council Member Guerrero to connect with her.

Vice Mayor Gonzalez asked to figure out how the city can support by sharing facilities or coordinating afterschool programs, stated he met with ELAC, and they mentioned the interest of having summer tutoring, afterschool tutoring around Math and English and commended everyone for their hard work.

Mayor Alcantar commented on social agents of change and everything it can involve instead of what was previously commented, asked to see on the next meeting an allocation of \$5,000 to the fundraiser for the Ellen Ochoa Learning Center Robotics Team, also commented on a homeless incident they came across and were able to provide support and shelter with the help of the community, Council, and staff.

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT (information only)

12. REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC, ADVISORY, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS – NONE

13. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion: Council Member Lomeli motioned to waive full reading of resolutions and ordinances, seconded by Council Member Lozoya. Motion passed 4-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lozoya, Lomeli, Gonzalez, and Alcantar
NOES: Guerrero
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

14. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Guerrero requested to pull Consent Calendar items 14A and 14B, for separate consideration.

C. Adoption of Proposed Resolution No. 22-13 Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City of Cudahy, for the Period from April 5, 2022, through May 5, 2022, Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to approve proposed Resolution No. 22-13 proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City of Cudahy, for the period from April 5, 2022, through May 5, 2022, pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act provisions.

Motion: Council Member Lomelí motioned to approve proposed Resolution No. 22-13 proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City of Cudahy, for the period from April 5, 2022, through May 5, 2022, pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act provisions, seconded by Council Member Lozoya. Motion passed 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Guerrero, Lozoya, Lomelí, Gonzalez, and Alcantar
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of April 14, 2021, Special Meeting and March 15, 2022, for the Regular Meeting of the City Council and the Joint Meeting of the City of Cudahy as Successor Agency and Housing Successor Agency to the Cudahy Development Commission

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to review and approve the City Council / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for April 14, 2021, and March 15, 2022.

Motion: Council Member Lomelí motioned to review and approve the City Council / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for April 14, 2021, and March 15, 2022, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonzalez. Motion passed 4-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lozoya, Lomelí, Gonzalez, and Alcantar
NOES: Guerrero
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

B. Adoption of Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.32 (City Commissioners), and Repealing Chapter 2.58 (Cudahy Economic Development Commission) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Cudahy Municipal Code

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to approve an Ordinance by second reading, amending Chapter 2.32 (City Commissioners), and repealing Chapter 2.58 (Cudahy Economic Development Commission) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Cudahy Municipal Code.

Motion: Council Member Lomelí motioned to approve an Ordinance by second reading, amending Chapter 2.32 (City Commissioners), and repealing Chapter 2.58 (Cudahy Economic Development Commission) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Cudahy Municipal Code, seconded by Council Member Lozoya. Motion passed 3-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lomelí, Gonzalez, and Alcantar
NOES: Guerrero
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Lozoya

15. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

16. BUSINESS SESSION

A. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 22-14 to appropriate funds for Laserfiche software through Ricoh USA, Inc

Presented by the City Clerk

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to adopt Resolution No. 22-14 to appropriate funds not to exceed \$9,736 for Laserfiche cloud with public portal content management, implementation, and training.

Motion: Council Member Lomelí motioned to adopt Resolution No. 22-14 to appropriate funds not to exceed \$9,736 for Laserfiche cloud with public portal content management, implementation, and training, seconded by Council Member Lozoya. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lozoya, Lomelí, Gonzalez, and Alcantar
NOES: Guerrero
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

At 8:08 p.m., Council Member Guerrero left the meeting.

B. Review Sister Cities International documents and provide direction on the City's vision with San Miguel el Alto, Jalisco

Presented by the City Clerk

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to review the Sister Cities International basic introduction to the program and toolkit (Attachment A and B); and provide staff with direction on the type of affiliation (Sister City relationship or Friendship

Cities) with San Miguel el Alto, Jalisco, to draft a resolution of its intent to enter into a partnership and draft an agreement.

Motion: Vice Mayor Gonzalez motioned to create a relationship that can exchange culture, share events, visit, invite to present, share school affiliation, honor people via murals, celebrate honoring our roots, Aztec dance, arts and cultural and developments, seconded by Council Member Lomelí. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lozoya, Lomelí, Gonzalez, and Alcantar
NOES: None
ABSENT: Guerrero
ABSTAIN: None

17. COUNCIL DISCUSSION – NONE

18. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Lozoya motioned to adjourn the City Council / Agency meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Council Member Lomelí. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lozoya, Lomelí, Gonzalez, and Alcantar
NOES: None
ABSENT: Guerrero
ABSTAIN: None

Elizabeth Alcantar
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard Iglesias
City Clerk