

## MINUTES

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

June 1, 2021 6:30 P.M.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council / Agency Member Guerrero (arrived at 7:30)  
Council / Agency Member Lozoya (arrived at 6:39)  
Council / Agency Member Lomeli  
Vice Mayor / Chair Alcantar  
Mayor / Chair Gonzalez

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager Henry Garcia, City Attorney, Victor Ponto, Assistant City Clerk, Richard Iglesias, and Finance Director, Steven Dobrenen.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Lomeli.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation regarding the city's new notification system, by Brenda Rodriguez, Administrative Analyst (**presented after item 7 Closed Session Announcement**)

#### 5. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

#### 6. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employee Recruitment Title of Position Under Consideration: City Manager
- B. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator - Unrepresented Employee – Title: City Manager

#### 7. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Victor Ponto reported that counsel was given, direction was received, and no further reportable action.

#### 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcos Oliva mentioned how he is glad Cudahy has a new notification system because it will be helpful. Next, he commented on the budget concerning the public safety element and contracts, reminding the council that the Isaias Cervantes case is still ongoing, yet not having heard from the Sheriffs on the incident. Lastly, he commented on the importance of the budget, contracts, and negotiating a new agreement with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

## **9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS / REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Guerrero commented on his ongoing concern about the shooting incident of Isaias Cervantes, extending his prayers for the family and justice. He added how the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department had not met the standard for transparency and responsiveness that the council demanded from the post-incident investigative process, nor have they released the Sheriff Deputies' names despite legal motions. In addition, no public forum had been organized to address public concerns to ensure their safety and trust. He mentioned that the video footage from the body cameras was released late and contained twenty percent commentary, not capturing the critical moment of the shooting, raising serious questions about the erosion of public trust. Council Member Guerrero hopes the community rebuilds trust after this tragedy, stating that policing works best when there is a partnership and trust from the community, advocating reform. Lastly, he noted the city is about to approve the budget at the next meeting, asking the council to develop a plan for police reform, including satisfactory negotiation with the Sheriff's Department to prevent similar tragedies in the community. Requested an agenda item for the next meeting titled "Status of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Contract and Process for Police Service RFP."

Council Member Lomeli mentioned that it's been too long, being firm and assertive in their demands with the Sheriffs in the case of Isaias Cervantes, echoing her colleague regarding being past its time. Next, she spoke about her community walk with the Vice Mayor and a student, how well it went, and on behalf of the education ad hoc committee, she is looking forward to having a partnership with students. She went on to congratulate and applauded the graduating seniors of Cudahy. Lastly, she mentioned it is pride month and how she wants to make the Cudahy community more inclusive.

Vice Mayor Alcantar started by thanking staff for responding to her messages about graffiti, abandoned vehicles, dirt, and trash. She also thanked staff for advertising the covid clinic and free mammogram screenings and added how we need to utilize the new notification system. Next, she requested staff to work on a community town hall and council briefing to discuss the Isaias Cervantes incident, not having sufficient information. She also asked the team to work on a meeting with Sheriff Villanueva and Captain Perez to discuss what took place, the next steps, and the budget. Lately, she commented on the budget and the subcommittee discussing the Sheriff's contract.

Mayor Gonzalez echoed his colleagues' comments as they continue to advocate for public safety.

## **10. CITY MANAGER REPORT (information only)**

## **11. REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC, ADVISORY, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Vice Mayor Alcantar mentioned that she sits on the Hub Cities Consortium Board, and the consortium has been applying for various grants that give direct aid to families in Southeast LA, including Cudahy. Fifty-nine Cudahy families were registered to the California immigrant

Resilience Fund, which assists undocumented families. They were also able to assist two hundred and thirty individuals with the Great Public Schools Now.

**12. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - NONE**

**13. CONSENT CALENDAR (COUNCIL MEMBER GUERRERO PULLED ITEM A AND B TOGETHER AND C FOR DISCUSSION)**

**A. Approval of the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) for the Month of March 2021**

Presented by the Finance Director

The City Council is requested to approve the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$6,407,875.98.

**Motion:** It was motioned by Vice Mayor Alcantar and seconded by Council Member Lozoya to approve the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$6,407,875.98. The motion carried (4-1-0) by the following roll call vote:

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

**B. Approval of the City Demands and Payroll Including Cash and Investment Report for the Month of March 2021**

Presented by the Finance Director

The City Council is requested to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$823,630.41 including Cash and Investment Report by Fund for the month of March 2021.

**Motion:** It was motioned by Vice Mayor Alcantar and seconded by Council Member Lozoya to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$823,630.41 including Cash and Investment Report by Fund for the month of March 2021. The motion carried (4-1-0) by the following roll call vote:

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

**C. Consideration to Approve a Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Cudahy and MV Cheng & Associates Inc. for Technical and Practical Accounting Services**

Presented by the Finance Director

The City Council is requested to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Cudahy and MV Cheng & Associates Inc. for technical and practical accounting / payroll support through June 30, 2022.

**Motion:** It was motioned by Council Member Lozoya and seconded by Council Member Lomelí to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Cudahy and MV Cheng & Associates Inc. for technical and practical accounting / payroll support through June 30, 2022. The motion carried (4-0-0) by the following roll call vote:

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

**D.** Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of May 15, 2021, May 18, 2021, and May 25, 2021, for the Special Meetings 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

Presented by the Assistant City Clerk

The City Council is requested to review and approve the City Council / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for May 15, 2021, May 18, 2021, and May 25, 2021.

**Motion:** It was motioned by Vice Mayor Alcantar and seconded by Council Member Lomelí to review and approve the City Council / Successor Agency Draft Minutes for May 15, 2021, May 18, 2021, and May 25, 2021. The motion carried (4-0-1) by the following roll call vote:

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

**14. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE**

**15. BUSINESS SESSION - NONE**

**16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION - NONE**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council / Agency meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Jose Gonzalez  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richard Iglesias  
Assistant City Clerk