

MINUTES

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

November 2, 2021 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor / Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council / Agency Member Blanca Lozoya
Council / Agency Member Daisy Lomeli
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Elizabeth Alcantar
Mayor / Chair Jose R. Gonzalez

ABSENT: Council / Agency Member Jack M. Guerrero

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Alfonso Noyola, Deputy City Attorney, Stephanie Archeiga, City Clerk, Richard Iglesias, Junior Deputy City Clerk, Estefania Zamora, Acting Finance Director, Charles Ortiz, Assistant City Engineer, Aaron Hernandez, and Administrative Analyst, Brenda Rodriguez.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Lomeli.

4. PRESENTATIONS – NONE

5. CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

6. CLOSED SESSION – NONE

7. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT – NONE

Mayor Gonzalez requested a recess until 7:30 p.m. and requested to add language on the agenda stating when there is no closed session the meeting will continue.

At 7:33 p.m., Council Member Lozoya rejoined the meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tevina Q. reminded Council to hold KIPP accountable on the clean-up, commented on vehicles not moving when street sweeper passes and citation not being issued, mentioned

business owners having issues with street vendors and stated Council members should be required to have their cameras on during City Council Meetings on Zoom.

Victor Frias urged Council to have KIPP So Cal clean-up properly and have some oversight, asked Council to listen to “Bodies Podcast: LA’s Toxic Secret” since it mentioned what happened previously at Park Avenue School.

Bertha Martinez recommended Council to listen to “Bodies Podcast: LA’s Toxic Secret”, since it mentions what previously happened at Park Avenue School and asked Council to insist KIPP to do a proper clean-up with oversight from Department of Toxic Substances.

Star Laca reiterated comments from Bertha Martinez regarding Park Avenue School and asked Council to push for KIPP to properly clean-up for everyone’s health and safety.

Ilse Escobar commented on meeting with the community, public education being in a crisis due to funding and demanded for KIPP to be held accountable, also mentioned she is working on a campaign for students with special needs.

Gus F. commented on street vendors mentioned the City has approved regulations but are not being enforced, stated he has already been in contact with Code Enforcement and City Manager but was told City is understaffed, asked Council for something to be done.

Susie asked for Council’s support to protect students due to being a city affected with environmental injustices, asked to review documents from KIPP’s consultant and demand they do a proper clean-up, also commented on street vendors having no control and are affecting businesses.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS / REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Lomeli thanked those who attended her event “Conchas with your Council Member”, commented on the Halloween event and thanked staff for putting it together, reminded the public the city has an Aztec dance group that practices at Bedwell Hall every Wednesday and requested staff to add an item on the next meeting considering a land acknowledgment language on the agenda for discussion.

Vice Mayor Alcantar thanked everyone for attending the meeting, commented on redistricting and the importance of what occurs and how it affects the City in terms of funding, political power, and representation, mentioned how Southeast Los Angeles cities have fought for COVID testing and vaccination sites and mentioned resources for tenants who owe rent.

Mayor Gonzalez encouraged residents to attend the redistricting meetings, expressed his gratitude toward city staff, mentioned the City will be going through strategic planning sessions on how federal fund will positively affect the community and also stated no building or construction should be happening in the City on polluted land that can put residents in dangers.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORT (information only)

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

Council Member Lomeli provided an update on the Education Ad-Hoc committee sated they have been discussing questions they have in term of policy regarding DTSC and also mentioned they partnered with speaker's office which he might have someone they can work with.

12. WAIVER OF FULL READING OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Motion: Council Member Lomeli motioned to waive full reading of resolutions and ordinances, seconded by Vice Mayor Alcantar. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Alcantar motioned to approve Consent Calendar items, seconded by Council Member Lomeli. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to approve the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Report for the month of July 2021 in the amount of \$6,414,912.94.

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

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to approve the Demands and Payroll in the amount of \$1,709,538.72 including Cash and Investment Report by Fund for the month of July 2021.

C. Consideration to Review and Approve the Draft Minutes of October 19, 2021, 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 October 19, 2021.

D. Adoption of Proposed Resolution No. 21-43 Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the City Council, City Boards, and all

Commissions of the City of Cudahy, for the Period from November 6, 2021, through December 6, 2021, Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to approve proposed Resolution No. 21-43 proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City of Cudahy, for the period from November 6, 2021, through December 6, 2021, pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act provisions.

14. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Consideration to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the letter of intent with Siemens Industry, Inc.

Presented by Assistant City Engineer, Aaron Hernandez.

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute the letter of intent with Siemens Industry, Inc. to proceed with the Detailed Study of the Renewable and Energy Efficiency Program.

Mayor Gonzalez opened up public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

Motion: Vice Mayor Alcantar motioned to authorize the City Manager to execute the letter of intent with Siemens Industry, Inc. to proceed with the Detailed Study of the Renewable and Energy Efficiency Program, seconded by Mayor Gonzalez. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

15. BUSINESS SESSION

A. Adoption of a Proposed Resolution No. 21-44, amending the authorization and use of city credit cards and lines of credit

Presented by the City Manager, Alfonso Noyola.

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to adopt proposed Resolution No. 21-44, amending Sections 1(B), 1(C), Section 3 and 5 of Resolution No. 12-10, authorizing the use of city credit cards and lines of credit.

Motion: Vice Mayor Alcantar motioned to adopt proposed Resolution No. 21-44 amending Sections 1(B), 1(C), Section 3 and 5 of Resolution No. 12-10 and to include under section 1(B) "with a preference to a local credit union", Section 1(C), add notifying Council within 30-day by email and Section 3 removing "or" to read City Manager and the Finance Director, seconded by Mayor Gonzalez. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lozoya, Lomelí, Alcantar, and Gonzalez

NOES: None
ABSENT: Guerrero
ABSTAIN: None

B. Adoption of Proposed Resolution Appointing Richard Iglesias as Either the City Clerk or the Acting City Clerk for the City of Cudahy

Presented by the City Manager, Alfonso Noyola.

Recommendation: The City Council is requested to either (1) adopt Resolution No. 21-45 appointing Richard Iglesias as the City Clerk or (2) adopt Resolution No. 21-46 appointing Richard Iglesias as the Acting City Clerk and instructing staff to begin the recruitment process to appoint a City Clerk.

Motion: Mayor Gonzalez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 21-45 appointing Richard Iglesias as the City Clerk, seconded by Vice Mayor Alcantar. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote:

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

16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION – NONE

17. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council / Agency meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Jose Gonzalez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard Iglesias
Assistant City Clerk