

**CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 6:30 PM

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Calaycay called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** – In honor of Hanne Ansell, Darleen Rota, Ruth Carolyn Duck, Former President Jimmy Carter, and victims of the recent wildfires.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

COUNCILMEMBER: CALAYCAY, LEANO, MEDINA, REECE, STARK

**ABSENT**

COUNCILMEMBER: NONE

**ALSO PRESENT**

Adam Pirrie, City Manager; Alisha Patterson, City Attorney; Jeremy Swan, Director of Community Services; Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development; Jeremy Starkey, Director of Finance; Aaron Fate, Chief of Police; Melissa Vollaro, Director of Human Services; Shelley Desautels, City Clerk; Jamie Costanza, Deputy City Clerk

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

There was no closed session.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Council recognized the Claremont Village Marketing Group for its sponsorship in hosting the 2024 Holiday Promenade and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The City Council received a presentation on Sustainable Insurance Strategy implemented by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, presented by Julia Juarez, Deputy Commissioner.

Brian Vogelesang, Business Systems Analyst, and Cesar Serna, Information Technology Technician, were introduced.

The City Council received an update from Katherine Loeser, Claremont Helen Renwick Library Manager.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEDERAL HOLIDAYS/OBSERVANCES**

New Year's Day, January 1, 2025

Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., January 20, 2025

Inauguration Day, January 20, 2025

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

### **Council Item**

1. Announcement and Confirmation of Local and Regional Councilmember Appointments and Adoption of a Resolution Designating a Governing Board Member and Voting Alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority

This item starts at 1:01:39 in the archived video.

Mayor Calaycay highlighted the staff report.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

City Clerk Desautels announced no written public comment had been received on this item.

There were no requests to speak.

Mayor Calaycay closed public comment.

***Councilmember Stark moved to:***

***A. Confirm the various Councilmember appointments to local and regional committees, boards, and organizations; and***

***B. Adopted Resolution No. 2025-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING COUNCILMEMBER REECE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER AND VICE MAYOR STARK VOTING ALTERNATE TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY;***

***Seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

***AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark***

***NOES: Councilmember – None***

### **Council Assignment Reports**

This item starts at 1:04:50 in the archived video.

Councilmember Reece reported that he attended the California Contract Cities legislative tour and reported the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority has now met its deadline and provided the remaining Gold Line project to Metro for completion.

Mayor Calaycay directed City staff to hold a community meeting with local utility companies to discuss various emergency efforts and responsibilities.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

This item starts at 1:09:42 in the archived video.

City Manager Pirrie reported the 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count has been postponed due to the recent wildfires and provided an update on the recent windstorm.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This item starts at 1:13:51 in the archived video.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

City Clerk Desautels announced no written public comment had been received.

Jim Lawler, Claremont resident, expressed concern regarding the proposed parking garage for the Denley development and suggested the parking garage be moved to Oberlin instead of Cornell.

Richard Franco, Tri City Mental Health Community Navigator, shared upcoming events taking place at Tri City.

Buff Brown, Claremont resident, spoke in support of Claremont Tenants United and their requests of the City Council.

Unidentified speaker urged the City Council to create a rental registry and enforce existing laws like the requirement for an on-site manager at apartments when issues arise at the complex.

Alberto Romeo, Claremont resident and member of Claremont Tenants United, spoke in support of tenant protections.

Elaine Thompson, Claremont resident and member of Claremont Tenants United, expressed concern regarding rent increases and asked the City Council to adopt a rent stabilization ordinance.

Lydia Hernandez, Claremont Tenants United, asked the City Council to consider a rental registry and or rent stabilization ordinance and hopes to hear additional information regarding tenant protections at the upcoming City Council meeting.

Unidentified speaker spoke against a rental registry and rent stabilization ordinance as AB 1842 helps balance tenant stability and property owner rights.

Russ Binder, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the comments made by the previous speaker.

There were no other requests to speak.

Mayor Calaycay closed public comment.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

This item starts at 1:38:22 in the archived video.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

City Clerk Desautels announced no written public comment had been received on the Consent Calendar.

There were no requests to speak.

Mayor Calaycay closed public comment.

**Councilmember Stark moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a vote as follows:**

**AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark**  
**NOES: Councilmember – None**

2. Adoption of Resolutions Approving the City Warrant Register
  - A. Adopted Resolution No. 2025-02, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID, dated December 19, 2024; and
  - B. Adopted Resolution No. 2025-03, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID, dated January 2, 2025.
3. City Council Minutes of December 10, 2024 (Regular)

Approved the regular City Council meeting minutes of December 10, 2024.
4. Award of Contracts to Data Climb, LLC and Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Financial Management Software Solution (Funding Source: General Fund, Technology Fund, and American Rescue Plan Act Fund)
  - A. Authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Data Climb, LLC in the amount of \$255,108 for project management support services related to the ERP Implementation Project;
  - B. Authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$900,666 for a comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Financial System; and
  - C. Appropriated \$96,000 from the unassigned General Fund balance to fund a portion of the ERP Implementation Project.
5. Approval of a Transfer Agreement Between the City of Claremont and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Agreement No. 2024MP16, Safe, Clean Water Program – Municipal Program (Funding Source: Measure W Fund)

Authorized the City Manager to execute a Transfer Agreement between the City of Claremont and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Agreement No. 2024MP16 for the Safe, Clean Water Program - Municipal Program (Measure W).
6. Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with Tunnelworks Services Inc. for Storm Drain Repair Services (Funding Source: Drainage Fund)
  - A. Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Tunnelworks Services, Inc. in the amount of \$44,600 for storm drain repairs; and
  - B. Appropriated \$44,600 from the Drainage Fund to fully fund the agreement.
7. Authorization to Amend the Existing Professional Services Agreement with TJKM Transportation Consultants to Expand the Scope of Work and Appropriate Additional Funds for the Development of a Citywide Street Sign Program (Funding Source: General Fund)
  - A. Authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing agreement with TJKM Transportation Consultants, increasing compensation by \$65,000 for a total contract amount of \$303,193.56; and
  - B. Appropriated \$65,000 from the unassigned General Fund balance to fund the agreement.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

8. Resolution Declaring Results of Majority Protest Proceedings to Renew the Claremont Tourism Business Improvement District (Funding Source: General Fund)

This item starts at 1:39:39 in the archived video.

Katie Wand, Deputy City Manager, highlighted the staff report.

City Clerk Desautels announced no written public comments had been received on this item.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment and opened the public hearing.

There were no requests to speak; therefore, the public hearing was closed.

***Councilmember Reece moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA DECLARING RESULTS OF MAJORITY PROTEST PROCEEDINGS AND RENEWING THE CLAREMONT TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CTBID), also referred to as the Resolution of Formation, seconded by Councilmember Leano, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

**AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Medina, Reece, Stark**  
**NOES: Councilmember – None**

**ORDINANCES** – None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Calaycay adjourned the regular meeting of the Claremont City Council at 8:16 PM. The next regular meeting of the Claremont City Council will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:30 PM, in the Claremont Council Chamber.

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Mayor

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Deputy City Clerk