

**CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber
225 Second Street, Claremont, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Calaycay called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – In honor of Kara Wojcik Parsons, Cameron Hartford, Bernice Pollock, David Wilson, and John Paul Tate Sr.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT COUNCILMEMBER: CALAYCAY, LEANO, REECE, SCHROEDER, STARK

ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER: NONE

ALSO PRESENT Tara Schultz, City Manager; Alisha Patterson, City Attorney; Chris Paulson, Interim Assistant City Manager; Adam Pirrie, Finance Director; Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development; Jeremy Swan, Interim Director of Community Services; Shelly Vander Veen, Police Chief; Anne Turner, Director of Human Services; Shelley Desautels, City Clerk

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Calaycay stated there was no reportable action taken at the closed session meeting.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Council recognized James “Pops” Hamilton for his security efforts and welcoming presence at the Padua Hills Theatre.

Chief Vander Veen administered the oath of office and swore in:

Jailer Brooke Malinoski
Police Aide Alyssa Flores
Police Officer John Kesterson

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Schultz announced that tickets are now on sale for the City’s 4th of July fireworks show, and invited everyone to attend a community meeting to discuss the proposed sales and use tax measure. The meeting will be held on June 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hughes Community Center.

Ms. Schultz invited Yesenia Arias, Gold Line Community Relations Manager, to present information on upcoming work along the freight line in Claremont.

Ms. Arias announced that on Sunday, June 23, testing of the new underground communications system will be taking place along the freight line in Claremont. Residents may notice that the crossings will be down for time periods longer than normal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

Amy Crow, Claremont Helen Renwick Library Manager, shared upcoming events taking place at the Library.

There were no other requests to speak.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Reece pulled Consent Calendar Item No. 4 for additional discussion.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment on Consent Calendar Items No. 1-3, and 5-7.

There were no requests to speak.

Routine Administrative Items

1. Adoption of a Resolution Approving City Warrant Registers
Adopted Resolution No. 2019-30, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID, dated May 30, 2019.
2. City Council Minutes of May 28, 2019 (Special and Regular)
Approved and filed.
3. Police Department 2018 Annual Report
Received and filed the Police Department 2018 Annual Report.
4. Agreement for Animal Control Services
This item removed from the Consent Calendar for additional discussion.
5. Award of Contract to Dudek Environmental Planning and Permitting for Professional Services to Assist in the Keck Science Center Expansion Project Located at 925 N. Mills Avenue on the Scripps College Campus
Authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Dudek Environmental Planning to conduct environmental review associated with the Keck Science Center Expansion project, in an amount not to exceed \$84,935.
6. Excel Landscape Contract Increase – Turf Reduction Program
Approved a contract increase not to exceed \$100,000 to Excel Landscape for turfgrass park conversions that are approved and reimbursed by the Metropolitan Water District.
7. Adoption of a Revised Classification Plan and Salary Schedule for Full-Time Job Classifications Effective July 1, 2019
Adopted Resolution No. 2019-31, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A REVISED CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FULL-TIME JOB CLASSIFICATIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

Councilmember Schroeder moved to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1-3 and 5-7, seconded by Councilmember Stark, and carried on a vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Reece, Schroeder, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

Item Removed from the Consent Calendar

4. Agreement for Animal Control Services

Chief Vander Veen responded to questions from the City Council regarding other available options for animal control services, collection of licensing fees, “Getting to Zero” program, and the City’s efforts to help improve the licensing service provided by the Inland Valley Humane Society.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

Councilmember Schroeder moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one-year contract extension with the Inland Valley Humane Society effective July 1, 2019, with an annual cost of \$136,554, seconded by Councilmember Reece, and carried on a vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Reece, Schroeder, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Revised Delinquent Sanitation Account Report of June 11, 2019 and Ordering the Placement of Liens Upon Real Property for the Unpaid Sanitation and Sewer Maintenance Fees Reported Delinquent

Bibi Ameer, Accounting Supervisor, highlighted the staff report.

Ms. Ameer, and Adam Pirrie, Finance Director, responded to questions from the City Council regarding the success of collecting delinquent fees, and repeat offenders.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

Matt Magilke questioned if refuse service must remain in force after someone does not remit fees, and if there is a penalty associated with delinquent fees.

There were no other requests to speak.

Mr. Pirrie responded that the Health and Safety Code does not allow the City to suspend refuse service, and penalties are included in the amount to be collected by the County.

Councilmember Leano moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-32, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE REVISED DELINQUENT SANITATION ACCOUNT REPORT OF JUNE 11, 2019,

ORDERING THE PLACEMENT OF LIENS UPON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE UNPAID SANITATION AND SEWER MAINTENANCE FEES REPORTED DELINQUENT, seconded by Councilmember Schroeder, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Reece, Schroeder, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

9. Review of the Harvard Avenue Residential Permit Parking Zone and Revision to the Residential Permit Parking Policy

Maria Tipping, Interim City Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Tipping, and Shelly Vander Veen, Chief of Police, responded to questions from the City Council related to compliance measures, reasoning for the sunset date, increase of citations issued, if increased citations correlate to enforcement, and the valet service offered by the Meat Cellar.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

Councilmember Schroeder stated that he will vote in opposition because of the continued non-compliance and the burden it places on City staff.

Councilmember Stark believes that the owners of the Meat Cellar are trying to create a cultural shift with their patrons and that may take some time. She does not generally support permit parking; however, will support staff's recommendation as the parking program will take some time for people to get used to.

Mayor Calaycay shared that the residential permit parking policy was created because of parking issues on Baughman Avenue. He would like to continue to support the Harvard Avenue neighbors and will be voting in favor of staff's recommendation.

Councilmember Stark moved to:

- A. Continue the residential permit parking program on Harvard Avenue, between Foothill Boulevard and 12th Street, with a sunset date of January 24, 2021;**
- B. Approve the revised Residential Permit Parking Policy, which adds a section broadening the notification boundaries to include residents on adjacent streets; and**
- C. Direct staff to review the residential permit parking program on Harvard Avenue, between Foothill Boulevard and 12th Street, prior to January 24, 2021, and present the results to the City Council to determine whether the permit parking restrictions are to be extended;**

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

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Reece, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – Schroeder

10. Adoption of the 2019-20 Proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget and Related Documents, Including the 2019-20 Appropriations Limit Calculation, Updated Citywide User Fee Schedule, and Resolution Declaring a Fiscal Emergency

Adam Pirrie, Finance Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation,

Mr. Pirrie and City Manager Schultz responded to questions from the City Council related to the General Fund contribution to the Landscape and Lighting District, Golden State Water rate increases, administrative costs, sales and use tax, reduction of City debt, potential recession, Utility User Tax, motor fleet services, deferred maintenance, cost of the election service, reductions made to City Divisions, filling of vacant positions at the Police Department, sales tax collection limit, Police Department fleet replacement, increased general liability premiums, Community Based Organization funding program, and MS4 compliance.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

Matt Magilke stated that he would only support a sales and use tax ballot measure if ¼ cent is dedicated to building a new police facility, sunsets after the facility is built, and there is a clear plan and accounting of how any extra funds would be spent.

There were no other requests to speak.

City Attorney Patterson and City Manager Schultz clarified the difference between a general tax and a special tax, and the Police Station Citizens Advisory Committee's recommendation for a ballot measure.

Councilmember Schroeder spoke in support of a sales and use tax measure; however, if the measure fails there will need to be severe cuts made that will affect the quality of life in Claremont.

Councilmember Stark stated that the community must come together to invest in and support Claremont values.

Councilmember Reece stated that over the past decades City staff has constantly and consistently maintained service levels with less. How the City operates today is neither maintainable nor sustainable given the City's current revenue sources. He asked City staff to provide a list of cuts and reductions that would be made should the sales and use tax measure fail.

Councilmember Leano stated that the City's current financial situation is not sustainable and is ready to take action in a manner so the City financial situation can be sustainable.

Mayor Calaycay highlighted the importance of public participation in the City budget, and spoke in support of staff recommendations.

Councilmember Schroeder moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-33, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2019-2020 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS RELATED THERETO; seconded by Councilmember Stark, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Reece, Schroeder, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

Councilmember Schroeder moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-34, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING AND ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20, seconded by Councilmember Reece, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Reece, Schroeder, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

City Manager Schultz clarified that by adopting the proposed resolution declaring a fiscal emergency that is the first step needed to consider the placement of a sales and use tax ballot measure.

Councilmember Schroeder moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-35, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A FISCAL EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII C SECTION 2(b) OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, seconded by Councilmember Stark, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Reece, Schroeder, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

Council Item

11. Appointments and Reappointments to the Community and Human Services Commission and the Public Art Committee

Mayor Calaycay highlighted the staff report.

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

Councilmember Schroeder moved to:

A. Appoint Chris Naticchia to the Community and Human Services Commission for a term to expire August 31, 2021; and

B. Reappoint Amy Croushore and Christopher Toovey, and appoint Francine Baker to the Public Art Committee for terms to expire June 1, 2023;

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

AYES: Councilmember – Calaycay, Leano, Reece, Schroeder, Stark
NOES: Councilmember – None

Council Assignment Reports

Councilmember Reece reported on the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Board meeting where they received a presentation from Congresswoman Judy Chu's office in regards to the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act.

Councilmember Schroeder highlighted the need for volunteers at the Blaisdell Center as well as the Joslyn Senior Center.

Councilmember Leano reported on the Los Angeles Homeless Authority homeless count. The numbers from the homeless count for the City of Claremont will be shared as soon as those numbers are available.

Mayor Calaycay reported on the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County and their on-going contract negotiations with employees.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Calaycay adjourned the regular meeting of the Claremont City Council at 8:59 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Claremont City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Claremont City Council Chamber, 225 Second Street, Claremont.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk