

**CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber
225 Second Street, Claremont, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – In honor of Valerie Ault Romero, Lindley Mixon, Mary-Jane Stanley, Carol Ann Lee Bovett

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER: NONE

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Schroeder reported that the City Council gave staff direction on all three Closed Session items.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Council recognized the following Claremont Reserve Park Rangers for their dedicated service to the community:

John Obert, 9 years of service
Larry Maass, 11 years of service
Terry Perlick, 9 years of service
Tom Shelley, 1 year of service
Richard Weiner, 14 years of service

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Assignment Reports

Councilmember Leano reported that he attended the Southern California Association of Governments Community and Economic Development Community meeting and the Homeless Committee meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

There was no City Manager's Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Schroeder invited public comment.

Rimmi Hundal, Tri City Mental Health Director of Mental Health Services, invited all to attend Tri City's event on February 18 celebrating Black History Month and sharing myths about mental illness.

Pamela Casey Nagler, Claremont resident, asked the City Council to look at ways of achieving net zero energy for the Village South Specific Plan, and that the Village South Specific Plan allow for denser and taller buildings.

Andy Winnick, Claremont resident and Member of Inclusive Claremont, asked that the Village South Specific Plan include affordable housing, and allow for additional height and density if necessary to achieve more affordable housing units.

Jennifer Tilton would like to see denser housing for the Village South Specific Plan to meet the City's housing needs.

Eve Kauffman, Member of Inclusive Claremont, shared that Inclusive Claremont supports affordability and high density for the Village South Specific Plan.

Paul Steinberg would like the City of Claremont to become a more bicycle friendly community by having a transit-oriented development in the Village South Specific Plan.

Zach Courser, Housing Claremont President, invited all to attend Housing Claremont's kick off event on February 12 to learn more about Housing Claremont. He explained that Housing Claremont's job is to educate, advocate, and connect on issues relating to housing and homelessness.

Erik Griswold, Claremont resident, stated that there is an opportunity to maximize development in the Village South Specific Plan.

Amy Crow, Claremont Helen Renwick Library Manager, highlighted Library services and upcoming events at the Library.

Brad Jenson, Claremont resident, believes that Village South Specific Plan would be a great opportunity to develop more housing, commercial spaces, and outdoor spaces. He would like to see the development of Village South allow for more density, height, and affordability.

Claire Blackwell spoke in support of a sustainable development in the Village South so that the development meets the needs of Claremont.

Zach, Claremont resident, expressed the need for more affordable and accessible housing.

David Shearer, Executive Director of Claremont Heritage, invited all to attend the upcoming Treasury of Music Archive Project on February 15. He also shared that Claremont Heritage believes that the Village South Specific Plan does not accurately address preservation and adaptive reuse of some parcels in the Village South.

Richard Haskell, Claremont resident, believes that the optimal Village South Specific Plan should have appropriate setbacks, gradient heights, and ample public space.

Due to the 30-minute time allotment for general public comment, Mayor Schroeder announced that general public comment will continue after the conclusion of Agenda Item No. 10.

There were no other requests to speak.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Schroeder invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

Jim Belna, Claremont resident, spoke to Consent Calendar Items No. 5 and 6. He believes that Agenda Item No. 5 shows that the Claremont Police Department is significantly underfunded, and questioned how the Claremont Police Department will decrease its already underfunded department in accordance with Agenda Item No. 6.

There were no other requests to speak.

1. Adoption of Resolutions Approving City Warrant Register
Adopted Resolution No. 2020-07, 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 February 6, 2020.
2. City Council Minutes of January 28, 2020 (Special and Regular) and January 30, 2020 (Special)
Approved and filed.
3. Award of Contract for the Mt. Baldy Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project, C.I.P. 2019-02 to Hardy & Harper, Inc., (Funding Source: Federal Gas Tax Fund)
Awarded the contract for the Mt. Baldy Pavement Rehabilitation Project, C.I.P. 2019-02, Hardy & Harper, Inc., of Santa Ana, in the amount of \$175,000, and authorize a ten percent contingency in the amount of \$17,500, for a total of \$192,500.
4. Resolution of Intent to Initiate Annexation Proceedings Regarding 589.4 Acres of Nineteen City Owned Parcels – Assessor Parcel Numbers 8673-006-271, 8673-011-271, 8673-015-271, 8673-016-270, 8673-018-270, 8673-018-271, 8673-018-272, 8673-018-273, 8675-023-270, 8673-001-905, 8673-001-906, 8675-020-270, 8675-020-271, 8675-020-272, 8675-020-273, 8675-020-274, 8675-020-275, 8675-022-270, 8673-019-271 currently located in the County of Los Angeles to the City of Claremont
Adopted Resolution No. 2020-08, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, TO THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 19 ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8673-006-271, 8673-011-271, 8673-015-271, 8673-016-270, 8673-018-270, 8673-018-271, 8673-018-272, 8673-018-273, 8675-023-270, 8673-001-905, 8673-001-906, 8675-020-270, 8675-020-271, 8675-020-272, 8675-020-273, 8675-020-274, 8675-020-275, 8675-022-270, 8673-019-271 CURRENTLY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO THE CITY OF CLAREMONT.

5. City of Claremont Annual Financial Reports for the Year Ended June 30, 2019
Received and filed the following letters and financial reports for the year ended June 30, 2019:
 - A. Audit Communication Letter;
 - B. Management Letter;
 - C. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR);
 - D. Transportation Fund Financial Statements; and
 - E. Area Agency on Aging (Senior Nutrition Program) Financial Statements.

6. 2020 Priority Goals and Action Items
Approved the Priority Goals and Action Item List for 2020.

7. Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Claremont and the Claremont Management Association (CMA) Implementing Terms and Conditions of Employment (Funding Source: General Fund)
Adopted Resolution No. 2020-09, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE CLAREMONT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (CMA) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT WAGES, HOURS, AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Proposed Amendment to the Village Expansion Specific Plan (VESP) to Allow Video Arcades, Creative Instructional Uses, and On-Site Alcohol Service for Movie Theaters within the Mixed-Use (CMX and MX) Zones of the Village Expansion Specific Plan Area

Chris Veirs, Principle Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Schroeder invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TABLE 2 IN SECTION 2.3.3 OF THE VILLAGE EXPANSION SPECIFIC PLAN TO ALLOW, WITH APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, VIDEO ARCADES ON THE FIRST FLOOR, ALCOHOL SERVICE FOR MOVIE THEATERS, AND CREATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL USES IN THE MX AND CMX ZONES, seconded by Councilmember Stark, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

9. Review of Proposed Amendment to the Claremont Municipal Code Pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) (#20-CA01). City Initiated

Nikola Hlady, Associate Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation,

Mr. Hlady and Alisha Patterson, City Attorney, responded to questions from the City Council regarding the review of the City's ordinance by the Housing and Community Development Department, and if there are any penalties given to the Housing and Community Development Department's for their late review.

Mayor Schroeder invited public comment.

Roberto Fabrin, Claremont resident, questioned the safety of the proposed windows being six feet high.

Mr. Hlady responded to Mr. Fabrin that as the ADU is a residential living unit, the unit must comply with all Building Code requirements.

There were no other requests to speak.

Councilmember Calaycay cautioned everyone to be aware of what is happening at the State level as those actions are taking away local control.

Councilmember Calaycay moved to introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, AMENDING EXISTING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.333 - ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (#20-CA01), seconded by Councilmember Stark, and carried on a vote as follows:

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

NOES: Councilmember – None

ORDINANCES – None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

10. Overview of the Process for Requesting a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Proposal

City Manager Schultz; Chris Paulson Assistant City Manager; and Joseph Larson, Deputy City Attorney; gave a PowerPoint presentation.

City Manager Schultz, and Shelly Vander Veen, Chief of Police, responded to questions from the City Council regarding the proposed phases and their processes, the meet and confer process and cost, cap for proposed increases, recruiting issues, calls for service per year, complaints per year, commendations per year, the Joint Powers Insurance Authority's comparison of departments, Police Departments budget reductions, and level of control the Sheriff's Department would have over the City.

Mayor Schroeder invited public comment.

Rob Beaumont, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Rose Ash, Claremont resident, urged the City Council to continue its support of the Claremont Police Department.

Karl Hilgert, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Marcella Zita, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Darlene Berg spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department's positive actions.

Michael Berg spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department, and asked the City Council obtain a contract with the Claremont Police Officers' Association.

Harper Taros, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Alexis Taros, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department's sense of community.

Jennifer Dawson, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Larry Horowitz, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Andy Winnick, Claremont resident, highlighted negativities of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Betty Crocker, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Frank DeLeo, Claremont resident, commended the City Council on performing its due diligence; however, spoke against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Jon Strash, Claremont resident, spoke in support of retaining the Claremont Police Department.

Elian Escoban, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Oscar De Leon, Claremont Farmers Market, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Sayeed Shaikh spoke in support of retaining the Claremont Police Department.

Christopher Calaycay shared his negative experiences with the Sheriff's Department.

Frank Bedoya, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the comments made by previous speakers.

Edward Broomfield, Claremont resident, stated that the City must look into contracting with the Sheriff's Department as it is fiscally responsible.

The City Council recessed at 9:37 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

Luna Lucero, representative of the California Homeless Union, shared her negative experiences of the Claremont Police Department.

Russ Binder would like to see a financial accounting of the recommendations made by the Future Financial Opportunities Committee, and would like to hear ideas from the Claremont Police Officers.

Bill Buehler highlighted the high costs of training a new Police Officer, and believes that the Police Officers deserve a pay raise immediately.

Parker Emerson spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Unidentified speaker spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department's positive interactions with Claremont students.

Bob Fass spoke in support of the actions of the Claremont Police Department's.

Debra Owens, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Marlene Mills, Claremont resident, stated that she is willing to be taxed in order to retain the Claremont Police Department.

Mark Ashworth urged the City Council to not move forward.

Ezekiel Gonzalez spoke in support of the positive impacts of the Claremont Police Department.

Barbara Gonzalez, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Unidentified speaker stated that the cost of the study is a waste of money and the cost of losing the police force is much greater.

Jim Keith, Claremont resident, highlighted positive impacts of the Claremont Police Department.

Barbara Musselman spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

David Kekone, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the positive interactions of the Claremont Police Department.

Jason Wong, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Bob Gerecke spoke against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Helaine Goldwater spoke in support of the sworn and non-sworn employees of the Claremont Police Department.

Jim Belna, Claremont resident, suggested the City Council increase the budget of the Police Department while getting a Phase I report from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in order to be prepared for the future.

Richard Chute spoke against the comments made by Mr. Belna and asked the City Council to think about this topic comprehensively.

Joyce Sauter, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Police Department.

Unidentified speaker, Claremont resident, asked the City Council to remember that if one contracts with the Sheriff's Department, the City then takes on their liability.

Sue Keith hopes that tonight's discussions have improved the morale of the Police Department.

Dennis Berger, Claremont resident, believes that the City Council has created a culture of not dealing with potential dangers correctly and ahead of time.

Matt Magilke spoke in support of the comments made by Mr. Berger, and would like the Police Station to be a priority.

There were no other requests to speak.

Councilmember Reece spoke against contracting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Calaycay spoke against contracting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Leano spoke against contracting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Stark spoke against contracting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Schroeder spoke against contracting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Reece moved to direct staff to cease any further exploration of contracting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, seconded by Councilmember Calaycay, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Mayor Schroeder invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schroeder adjourned the regular meeting of the Claremont City Council at 11:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Claremont City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Claremont City Council Chamber, 225 Second Street, Claremont.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk