



CITY OF WEST COVINA

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**JANUARY 21, 2025, 7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1444 W. GARVEY AVENUE SOUTH
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790**

**Mayor Tony Wu
Mayor Pro Tem Letty Lopez-Viado
Councilman Ollie Cantos
Councilwoman Rosario Diaz
Councilmember Brian Gutierrez**

MINUTES

INVOCATION

Led by Pastor Al Richardson from New Beginning Christian Fellowship of West Covina

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilman Cantos

ROLL CALL

Council Members

Present: Council Members Rosario Diaz, Ollie Cantos, Brian Gutierrez, Mayor Pro Tem Letty Lopez Viado, Mayor Wu

Absent: None

REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Thomas Durate reported that no action was taken during the Closed Session Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- Certificate of Recognition to the West Covina Bruins Cheer and a donation from The Chinese American Association of West Covina
- Presentation by West Covina Police Department regarding the Hope Team

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager's report on current City projects.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - Five (5) minutes per speaker

Joanna Gee
John Shewmaker
R. Robinson
Chirag – Days Inn
Mario Sobalvarro
Glenn Kennedy

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Cantos and Second by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez-Viado, 5-0 to: Approve Consent Calendar Item 1,2,4,5, and 7 (Item number 3 and 6 was pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez and Second by Councilman Cantos, 5-0 to: Approve Consent Calendar Item 3 (Item number 3 was pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez-Viado and Second by Councilmember Gutierrez, 5-0 to: Approve Consent Calendar Item 6 (Item number 6 was pulled by Councilmember Gutierrez)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1) CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2024, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY SESSION MEETING MINUTES.

Carried 5-0 to: approve the December 5, 2024, Special City Council/Successor Agency Session Meeting Minutes.

COMMISSION SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

2) CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD ON JULY 9, 2024 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Carried 5-0 to: receive and file the Community and Senior Services Commission meeting minutes from its regular meeting on July 9, 2024, special meeting on September 10, 2024, and regular meeting on September 10, 2024.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

3) CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF WEST COVINA'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Carried 5-0 to: adopt the following resolution with the recommendation that if a removed position is filled, a Form 700 will need to be filled out by the employee:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A REVISED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE CITY OF WEST COVINA

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

4) CONSIDERATION OF EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT FOR A PORTION OF PROJECT SITE (APN 8474-007-940) IN THE CITY OF WEST COVINA.

Carried 5-0 to: authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to effectuate an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Project Passion Restaurant Group (TXRH) for the sale of a portion of City owned property (APN 8474-007-940).

5) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE CONTINUE TO TAKE ACTION TO STRENGTHEN AND STABILIZE THE INSURANCE MARKET AND ADVOCATE FOR WEST COVINA AND CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

Carried 5-0 to: adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE CONTINUE TO TAKE ACTION TO STRENGTHEN AND STABILIZE CALIFORNIA'S RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET AND ADVOCATE FOR THE

RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA AND OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUNITY SERVICES

6) CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Carried 5-0 to: take the following actions:

1. Award Request for Proposals ("RFP") No. 202401 for the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan to RJM Design Group;
2. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement RJM Design Group, in an amount not to exceed \$260,070, in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

7) CONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Carried 5-0 to: take the following actions:

1. Receive and file the First Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and
2. Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-72- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 (FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

DEPARTMENTAL REGULAR MATTERS

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

8) CONSIDERATION OF GRANT WRITING AND FEDERAL LOBBYIST SERVICES

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Gutierrez and Second by Councilmember Cantos Gutierrez, 5-0 to:

Reject all bids and re-issue the RFP including the request discussed by the City Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9) CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO STREET SWEEPING REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Cantos and Second by Councilmember Cantos Gutierrez, 5-0 to:

Carried 5-0 to: introduce Ordinance No. 2526 to amend provisions of Chapter 22 of the West Covina Municipal Code relating to street sweeping regulations and enforcement:

ORDINANCE NO. 2526 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO STREET SWEEPING REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(B)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

10) UPDATE ON THE CURRENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE WEST COVINA SPORTSPLEX

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Cantos and Second by Councilmember Cantos Gutierrez, 5-0 to:

No action was taken as this is a receive and file information report.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REQUEST

11) CONSIDERATION OF MAKING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS MORE EFFICIENT MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Gutierrez and Second by Mayor Wu, 5-0 to:

- Move the City Manager report to after public comments.
- Amend the rules of decorum to follow various acts of civil rights and to prevent discrimination
- Oral communication slip must be turned before public speaking starts communication starts

ACTION: Motion by Councilman Gutierrez and Second by Mayor Wu, 4-1 (No: Cantos) to:

- Request that the speaking time under public comments be reduced from five (5) minutes to three (3) minutes. At the discretion of the Mayor with the majority of the Council can be increased to five (5) minutes on a case by case basis.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

- None

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR REPORTS, STUDIES OR INVESTIGATION

- City manager looking into hiring Emergency Management Consultant by Feb 18th – No objection
- Present on status of Measure A by the Office of Hilda Solis by 18th of Feb – No objection
- Ways to increase services for LA CADA– No objection
- Apply for the National Management Grant and submit by Feb 17th – No objection
- Change the City Code to allow for red curbs around fire hydrants by March 14th– No objection
- Presentation of the current Emergency Operation Plan by Feb 18th – No objection
- Establish Veterans advisory committee to the Council one committee member each – No objection
- Replace blue reflectors in the street after street rehab work – No objection
- Invite Grace Napolitano to visit and provide her with a key to the City– No objection
- Find 1.5 million to hire more traffic officers– No objection
- Rename a portion of Azusa Ave in honor of Grace Napolitano – No objection

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made at 11:13 PM The next regularly scheduled Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1444 West Garvey Avenue South, West Covina, California.

Lisa Sherrick
Assistant City Clerk

Tony Wu
Mayor