



General Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:00 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by Mr. Mike Baldwin
3. Invocation: Led by Mr. John Karn (Light on the Corner Church)
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Lewin, Rodriguez, Ordubegian, Kilpatrick, Ahlers, Libra, Baghdassarian, Madsen, Yu, and Mueller Not Present: Barnes.
5. Approval of January Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Ordubegian, Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of February Meeting Agenda, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Mueller. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
  - a. Youth Council – Seline gave the following updates – Crescenta Valley High had their voter registration. The goal was 50 members, and that goal was met. Our T-Shirt Fundraiser is going well, and the committee is now picking between 3 finalist. We are almost done drafting our letter on pedestrian safety, and hope to send that out soon. We are also working on a Book Reading/Book Drive idea for around spring break, and possibly at the Library. Miss Wiggins comments– if you want to partner with the library for this event, please submit your proposal soon. This will need to work its way up the chain of command, so it's better to get the proposal in soon.
  - b. Sheriff – Acting Captain Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for the month of January – 1 aggravated assault, 5 commercial burglaries, 25 larcenies, 2 grand theft autos, 3 vandalisms, 1 narcotic incident, & 3 identity theft incidents. Residential burglaries are up year to date. Traffic Statistics - 91 citations issued,

- which is 7% increase in the number of traffic citations issued compared to last year. President Leon asks a question – The situation last month where some individual was attacking/harassing students around our schools, what can you tell us about that. Mr. Hahnlein responds – I ordered a thorough investigation of the incident. The individual did have some prior run-ins with the GUSD and Glendale PD in the past. This incident seemed to be more of a verbal altercation than a physical one. A report was written for disturbing the peace. There's video of the incident. So far nobody has come forward saying this individual laid a hand on them. We'll continue to monitor the situation, and try to make sure he's not out there harassing students. We also had an extra patrol car looking over the area to make sure we don't have more incidents like this. President Leon comments – We appreciate your help with this incident and all you do in our community.
- c. Fire Department – Miss Maria Grycan gave the following updates – Two documents were provided to the Council via email (year-end and January numbers). For January, we responded to 2 fires – one was a tree fire, and another call was made about a suspected fire, we showed up and it was determined to be a legal fire. There were 5 instances of power lines being down from a big wind event. 61 medical calls and 32 of those patients were taken to the hospital. President Leon comments - Thank you for being so responsive when I call you, and thank you for coming to present information to us and the community. We appreciate all you do. Boardmember Jennifer Freeman comments – I'd also like to express my appreciation and thanks to the fire department. I had an incident close to my house where a car collided with an electrical pool. There were injuries and wires down, and the Fire Department responded quickly and handled the situation to put us all at ease.
- d. CHP – Officer Bay gave the following updates – We had two traffic collisions in the month of January, and both had injuries. Coming up is our Distracted Drivers Month – We'll be out in force and focusing on people being distracted while driving (eating, texting, or not on a hands free device). Officer Keller, Boyd and I are looking to participate in more events in the community by giving informational presentations. Please reach out if you know any events where it would be useful for us to talk about a particular subject. We offer programs/presentation like the Drive Smart programs (Start Smart – young drivers, Age Well, Drive Well – senior drivers). We offer car seat installation instructions at the Altadena station. We also offer presentations for pedestrians about walking/running safely. We also offer presentations for businesses like UPS Fed Ex where their employees do a lot of driving. These haven't been done in the CV area for a while, so we'd like to start those up again. Please forward information on any traffic issues you are seeing in the community so we can actively patrol these areas. We've been targeting all the school in the area lately. Councilmember Mueller asks a question – There is a lot of speeding going on near La Crescenta and Harmony, and even racing at times. Can we please patrol this area some, and especially at night when the racing happens.

President Leon Comments – There are also a lot of speeding issues around Community Ave near CV high school. Please look into this area as well. Officer Keller responds – Thank you for sharing that with me. I appreciate any information where we are seeing speeding issues in the area. I'll be sure to have more of a presence at those locations.

- e. CV Chamber – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates – Chamber will have a mixer at El Charro on March Feb 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m. It will be a 50 person max capacity event. You'll get food, wine/soft drinks for \$15. The Legion is having a car show on May 21<sup>st</sup> between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CV Park. We enjoyed hosting the Townhall for the Council at the end of January, and we enjoyed working with Kerri and Ted. We are also working on Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts Bingo night. This will be in June and I'll have more information on that soon. Operation Gratitude – This will be sometime in April, and we'll be looking to support first responders (Police, Fire, Paramedics) since there aren't many people overseas on active duty at this time. It's a way for us to say thank you to these departments for all they do in our community.
- f. CV Water – No update given –
- g. CV Cert – No update given
- h. CV Ready - Fire Council - No update given
- i. CVCA – President Leon gave the following updates – Mr. Michaels couldn't be here today but please refer to their Facebook page for more information on upcoming CVCA events and their regular meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month via zoom.
- j. GUSD – GUSD Boardmember Jennifer Freeman gave the following updates – Introduces Dr. Reynolds (Executive Director of Educational Services). We have our first Student Voice Panel coming up on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00. It is run by our Student Council. They have selected a group of student representatives from each school to make up the panel for the discussion. They will discuss what is working, what isn't working, and the direction they'd like to see things go. This will be via zoom, so you can listen in on what our students are saying on a variety of topics. Poetry Out-Loud Contest - One of our students from CV High went on to be a County finalist. CIF playoffs are going on right now for some of our sports which is exciting for our students/parents. As we expected, the mask mandates are shifting once again. We are now going to – mask outdoors being optional but indoors they will still be required. CA Department of Public Health should be issuing new guidelines, specifically about indoor masking on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. We don't know what they'll be but we look forward to seeing what guidance they'll be providing. Dr. Reynolds gave the following updates – Glendale is rolling out our Universal Transitional Kindergarten Program - This will be a five year rollout. We are adding an additional 2 months of eligibility age each year till 2025/2026. All 4 year olds will be eligible to enroll in this transitional program. Registration will open February 22<sup>nd</sup>. I'd like to congratulate

- our students at Clark Magnet School on CMCH4 Team for winning the NASA Tech Rise Challenge. Students in certain class will get an opportunity to build and fly a payload on a high altitude balloon with the Raven Aerostar. The team did their presentation at our last board meeting and we are all really proud of them. They did a great job. The team consisted of students from the environmental honors geographical information system class and the remote sensing team/class. Question from a community member - Any update or developments on Sagebrush and the stadium/lighting at CV High – Boardmember Freeman responds - Not a lot of updates, and not a lot is happening with Sagebrush. There has been nothing from the County Commission on when it will be back on the agenda. In Re: Lighting - It's on our project list, there are bids being placed, but there is no timeline at the moment on when things will begin.
- k. Land Use Committee – Miss Chessum gave the following updates – We been in contact with regional planning on SB9, and are working with them to make a recommendation for an ordinance to deal with R1's. For some background on how the process works... We work with regional planning, once a conclusion is reached on specifics, it then gets presented to the Land Use Committee, the LUC will then make a recommendation to the CV Town Council. If passed, the recommendation goes before the Regional Planning Commission, and finally it would go before the Board of Supervisors. The terms of three members of the Land Use Committee have expired (Chris, Ines and Kendall). The LUC voted to recommend to the Council that we extend their term(s) for an additional 3 years. **Motion** to extend the terms of Chris Kilpatrick, Ines Chessum, and Kendall Hales for another three years by Councilmember Lewin. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously. If anyone in the community has any interest/questions on SB9, our meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
  - l. Streets and Transportation – No update given
8. Community Announcements (2 minutes)
- a. Library: Miss Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – Another busy month at the library. We are at 100% capacity at this point, but social distancing and masking are still required. There could be some changes in guidelines around mid to late March. I'll keep everyone posted on those.
  - b. Park & Rec – No update given -
  - c. American Legion – Updates above (CV Chamber section)
  - d. Promplus/firehouse – Miss Studebaker gave the following updates - We continue to meet and keep the committee alive and well. Hopefully we'll have more updates very soon on what we are planning for 2022.

## 9. Public Comments

Public Comments and Community Announcements: This is for non-agenda items only. Please submit a speaker card to the President or Vice President. Speakers are allowed 2 minutes. Council may ask questions or respond to the speaker but there will be no debate or decision. The President may refer the matter to the appropriate committee for investigation and report.

- a. No comments

## 10. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Donna reads the Treasury report (distributed to the Council).

**Motion** to approve January's treasury report by Councilmember Kilpatrick.

Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously. Councilmember Libra continues - the Audit report was done, and we just need to finalize it. President Leon comments – Let's try and get the audit report finalized ASAP. I appreciate all the hard work by the committee to get it finalized.

- b. Discussion by Council Members on the presentation by the County In Re: Bulbouts, Repaving, Dry Wells, and Bikeways Project. Highlights of the discussion – We should defer to the County when it comes to the engineering aspects of the project; the dry wells seem like a good idea overall; bulbouts seem to be more useful in high pedestrian traffic areas and could be detrimental if traffic doesn't warrant them; when it comes to safety we should think about deferring to the County guidance on whether we should have a continental crosswalk or bulbouts; not too much pedestrian traffic near the proposed Mountain Pine bulbout location; we should have further studies done on drainage and the possible impact some of these modifications could have on that; important for parking to not be terribly impacted by the proposed bikeways; bulbouts could be less safe considering the speed of the downhill traffic in the area; anything to help with rain water capture is a good thing (dry wells); there are other high pedestrian traffic areas the County might want to consider instead of the Mountain Pine location; one proposed bulbouts has no sidewalk on the other side of the street; we should consider doing more outreach to the community to elicit their feedback on the proposed modification; does having a class three bikeway change the speed limit of the street it's on, if so, by how much; can we re-allocate some of the proposed funds for a bulbout for another dry well structure; while deferring to the County is a good message, it could also be that they don't have all the information available to them, and are looking to the Council for a more complete picture; we should be mindful to defer to the county when it comes to the safety measures they feel are best, and be less concerned about the traffic impacts of these safety improvements; resurfacing is important, and we need more of our streets repaved; crosswalks and crossing guards might be a better investment than the bulbouts; bulbouts are more effective near schools, and these aren't that close to schools; we could have more drainage issues after these modifications; how

many bike riders are really using La Crescenta Ave; would the new sidewalks proposed make the streets more narrow; we don't need that many bike signs, a few should be sufficient; there is a lot of speeding on some of these streets where bulbouts are proposed, and putting kids closer to the cars seems more dangerous. **Motion** for the CVTC to write a letter to Public Works with our recommendation on the La Crescenta/Montrose Re-pavement and Transportation Improvement Project by Councilmember Mueller, Seconded by Councilmember Ordubegian. Approved Unanimously.

- c. Correspondence: One letter was sent out, and one item received in the mail
- d. Outdoor fitness center at Two Strike Park – No update given
- e. Election Committee report – Update given above
- f. Scholarship Committee – No update given
- g. Outreach Committee – No update given

11. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.