



General Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2022

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:01 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by La Crescenta ROTC
3. Invocation: Led by Councilmember Scott Chamberlain from Montrose Church
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Lewin, Rodriguez, Ahlers, Libra, Mueller, Kilpatrick, Ordubegian, and Madsen Not Present: Yu, Baghdassarian, and Suh
5. Approval of May Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Ordubegian, Seconded by Councilmember Kilpatrick. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of June Meeting Agenda, **Revised Agenda** (Move Streets & Transportation to item L. of the Community Reports) **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Ordubegian. Seconded by Councilmember Libra. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
 - a. Youth Council – President Leon presents a Certificate of appreciation for the graduating CV Youth Town Council members: Ashley Park, Sophia Ordubegian, Lucy Rickey, Maneh Davityan, Erin Hong, Seline Hemelians and Lauren Karakas. President Leon comments - We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to this community. You all made a difference through your time on the Youth Council, and I hope it was a rewarding experience for everyone. You have all made us so proud and we can't thank you enough for all you've done for this community. President Leon gives a special acknowledgement to Youth Town Council Members Sophia Ordubegian, Lucy Rickey, and Roan Thibault. I've known all 3 of you for 6 years now and have watched you all grow up before my eyes. You all came in from different backgrounds, but you all had a common goal, to make the community a better place to live. Please know that you've done just that, and La Crescenta is a better place because of your contributions. We wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors, and always remember where you came from. La Crescenta will always be in your hearts, as you are in ours. Thank you again for all your hard work and service.

- b. Sheriff – Captain Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for May – 1 rape that occurred in 2018, but was reported last month. There were 5 burglaries (2 residential and 3 commercial.) We had 2 vandalisms, and 3 identity theft incident. We issued 112 citations and 37 warnings. We saw a 24% increase in citation issued year to date. Happy to report that Catalytic converter crimes remained low. Question – The incidents of theft last month, where did they occur. Cpt. Hahnlein Answers – They were on Foothill. One vehicle was stolen, and a commercial burglary. President Leon – My condolences to the officer who lost his life recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and the department.
- c. Fire Department – Miss Maria Grycan gave the following updates – Statistics for the Month of May – no fires last month. We had 59 medical calls and 48 people were transported to the hospital. Remember, fireworks are illegal in the County of LA. La Canada/Flintridge and La Crescenta are having a firework show this year. Last year we had three brush fire spots that were caused by fireworks but we managed to put them out quickly. It can go bad very quickly, and why you should only go to a permitted show. On May 9th at 11:08 p.m. we had a vehicle over the edge on Angeles Crest Highway. Somehow they were able to contact their parents. We got on scene and set up a lowering system. We used a helicopter (we have 3 helicopters at any one time) to lower the paramedics down to assist/aid the occupants. Two needed to be transported via helicopter and the other 2 by ambulance. They were very lucky to survive. Question - How long did it take to rescue the occupants. Miss Grycan answers - About 3 hours to complete. It's also on YouTube and shows video footage of the rescue. President Leon – Thank you for your service to the community and we appreciate you being here to provide your report.
- d. CHP – Officer Bay gave the following updates – Statistics for the month of May – 48 traffic collisions. One vehicle vs. pedestrian which resulted in a death. We had our Special Enforcement day for seatbelt and truck violations (weight/load/speed). Our main target areas were along Foothill and 210 freeway. For the Commercial/Truck enforcement – We issued over 500 violations for speeding, weight, parking on the side of the freeway, and being in the wrong lane(s). Our safety slogan this month is Drive to Arrive. Recent and upcoming CHP Events – Car show at CV park was a big success. Thank you for inviting us. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the CHP, please send them our way. We are planning on hiring 100 new officers. We took part in the La Canada parade down Foothill. CV Fireworks is coming up and we'll also be there. We're looking at Speed Grants or other ways to get more officers hired to patrol Angeles Crest Highway. I receive a lot of calls for that area, but we don't have enough officers. We are continuing to have a presence around CV High School, and do as much enforcement as we can around our schools. Question – What is commercial enforcement. Officer Bay Answer – That means that we target big rigs/trucks and looking for weight, speed, lane violations, and trailers. Question – Can you please expand upon what type of incidents the CHP and the Sheriff's department handle. Officer Bay answers – CHP handles more of the traffic violations and accidents, while the Sheriff's department handle more of the crimes. Question – Are smaller trucks, like Fed Ex, Amazon, U-Haul trucks restricted to the right two lanes only. Office Bay answers – Those are mostly motor trucks. If it has 3 axles and 10,000 gross weight, those vehicles can only be in the right two lanes. Most of the box trucks are commercial but not under that designation. Question - Any more details on the Explorers Program. Officer Bay answers – The age requirement/range is 15 to 20 years old. They mostly do Ride Along(s), DUI

- checkpoints and office work. Our Teen Driving program –Start Smart is on our website if you'd like more information. Question – Have you seen any improvements in driving around in the schools since the special meeting and targeted enforcement. Officer Bay answers – Maybe a little. Still see a lot of U-Turns, jaywalking, and double parking. I've seen posts on Facebook that we're making a difference. I have a few traffic court appearance to attend from giving out tickets, so I believe it is working to some degree.
- e. CV Chamber – Mr. Steve Pierce gave the following updates – We have golf tournament coming up at Scholl Canyon. Most of the money raised will go to scholarships and youth programs. We have bingo coming up at St. Luke's on July 23rd. The Sheriff's Department is bringing their new tactical unit, and they'll attend the BBQ and show. Our new Command Post is brand new, state of the art, and cost \$400,000 to build. County and support groups contributed to make that happen. CV Fireworks – We are looking forward to seeing people out there. It opens at 4 p.m. and the fireworks will start around 9. We'll have around 12 food trucks, various booths and fun activities for kids.
 - f. CV Cert – No update given.
 - g. CV Ready - Fire Council - No update given
 - h. CV Water – No update given
 - i. CVCA – Councilmember Libra gave the following updates – The next CVCA meeting is on June 23rd at 7 p.m. Glendale Public Works will be there to discuss various infrastructure improvements. Please come to the meeting.
 - j. GUSD – Board member Jennifer Freeman gave the following updates – The students recently had their prom, and we believe it was a great experience. We also had a wonderful event at Prom Plus. It was a lot of fun, and we hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the venue. Summer school starts on June 21, and goes till July 25. Middle school start earlier and high school later. Our Extended Learning program has continued to grow. Parents want to keep their kids with us all summer long. The no. of Child Care students was 2,600, and now it's 4,500 students. We had planned for 3,600 students. We are partnering with the YMCA for additional summer programs. Our last Board Meeting was about health wellness through having a sound mind and body. We work with the American Heart Association and Glendale Adventist in re: healthy living. Question - What are the enrollment numbers. Board member Friedman answers - We are currently down about 2%. Which is less than usual. Question - Are all the kids back at school. Board member Friedman answers - We also have an Independent Academy. From elementary to high school. Question - Does the online academy have the same curriculum/books. Board member Friedman answers - yes, mostly all the same but there are different teachers. Councilmember Ahlers and President Leon comment – The 2022 school year is over, and you all did a great job during such a difficult time. The Board, faculty, and staff did a wonderful job like always. Thank you for all the hard work, and it really made a difference with our students and community.
 - k. Land Use Committee – Miss Ines Chessum gave the following updates – Still waiting on responses from County on SB9. In Re: the proposed parking changes – We suggest that the LUC write a letter against the move, but it should come from the Council. We haven't had a Land Use meeting in 3 months. President Leon comments – The Council will send the letter. We need to let the County know we don't agree with this new parking proposal. **Motion** for the Council to write a letter to the County about the new proposal to remove certain

parking requirements by Councilmember Ordubegian, Seconded by Councilmember Libra. Approved unanimously.

- I. Streets and Transportation – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates – The County is currently working on Prospect Ave. They are hoping to complete the sidewalk work between Sunset and Rosemont soon. They are making them ADA compliant. There is also work being done on trees, gutters, as well as repaving in areas around La Crescenta. I will continue to update everyone when I know more on Soundwall Project, Repaving/bulbouts/drywells project and others.

8. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Miss Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – I have a great staff, we're still very busy and we are open (7 days a week) and ready for business.
- b. Park & Rec – No update given
- c. American Legion – Mr. Steve Pierce gave the following updates - We had our Armed Forces Day in May. There were about 80 cars at CV park for the car show. Memorial Day event was at Two Strike Park. The ceremony lasted around 1 hour and was put on by Veterans. About 200 people attended. The Silent Auction went well and we made around \$3,000 that will go to various programs and organizations that support our community and youth.
- d. Promplus – Mary O'Keefe gave the following updates – We are open for the summer and will continue to do our best to support our kids. President Leon comments - Thank you Mary for all your hard work always trying to keep the Firehouse open. It means a lot to our community.

9. **Quick Update from Burtec Disposal – About residential food collection bin program – Presentation by Mike Heftman.** There was a new State Bill 1383 that was adopted and went into effect on January 1st In re: composting. The purpose of the program is mainly to decrease greenhouse gases. This is statewide and all disposal companies are required to initiate a composting program. We'll start off by delivering a small kitchen bin that you can use to collect the food. Then you will place the contents of the bin in a plastic bag. The plastic bag is then placed in your green trash bin. What is food waste – fruits, vegetables, poultry, eggs shells, scrapping, filter with coffee grounds, spoiled or expired food, veggies in a can but not the can. Please no glass. Basically, it's food items that you would traditionally place in your black trashcan. Collection and process – Your normal trash day will remain the same. No additional parts are required for this process. We then separate and take the plastic bags in your green can to a special disposal facility where it gets turned into compost or mulch. There will be visual images of what is allowed and what isn't on your kitchen bin, trash can, and information will distributed in the mail. That is a new State requirement that we all need to work together on. If your green trash barrel gets broken, we'll bring out another for you. All of our new barrels will now have the new composting information on them. We want to make contamination minimal, which is why education will be so important. You'll start to see more composting events in the community. Like the one coming up at Two Strike Park. These events will be directly related to the composting done in your area. Compost is a soil amendment and helps to get minerals and organic matter back in the soil. Mulch is groundcover and aren't mixed into the soil. Mulch can reduce the occurrence of insects and can also be a weed blocker. It can be used for landscape design.

Green waste should not be bagged. Grass should go into your green barrel like normal. You'll just add the food bag with it. Our Drivers will use red tags to illustrate problems with your composting, and signs of contamination issues. We need your help in making sure the correct material is going in the right barrels. Burtec will then start doing Waste Evaluation of everything collected to determine if people are doing it right, and what that ratio is. If we see a lot of issues or problem we'll send out more targeted information and continue the composting education. State Bill 1383 does have enforcement provisions built in. The program is coming so be ready. You'll receive a FAQ card in the mail with more information. The compost program doesn't start till you get the kitchen bin is delivered. Once you receive it, you're ready to start composting. Question – the plastic bag goes into the green container. Mr. Heftman answers – Yes, it goes into the green barrel. Your green barrel will be picked up just like before, and we'll do the separating at our facility. Question – Our area has a lot of wildlife activity and it would be good to have locked cans. Mr. Heftman answers – We are working with the County to try and make that happen. If you do need a new barrel, it will be delivered on your normal trash day. Shouldn't take longer than a week to receive. Question – What is the size of the kitchen bin we're receiving. Mr. Heftman answers – They are designed to be placed on the counter and are around the size of a volleyball. Question – we already collect it in our garden. I use biodegradable bags. Can I use those or are the plastic bags fine. Mr. Heftman answers - I would use existing bags that you already have. Like a the bag that your loaf of bread is in. Produce bags are also a great option. Can a household get two bins. For example an additional one for a mother in law quarters. Mr. Heftman answers - If it's registered as a separate unit, then yes, if not, then mostly likely no. Question – Will there be additional community meetings on this subject to continue the composting education. Mr. Heftman answers - yes, we'd like to and plan on having more meeting about this. We can come to another General meeting if you'd like. We want to continue the education on this. We have a big social media presence where we have more information, and again, we'll be passing out more literature. Question – How do we make sure the mulch isn't spreading bugs and other things around the community. Mr. Heftman answers - The way we process it helps to kill any diseases and bugs. Question - Will we see our bill go up because of this program. Mr. Heftman answers - Yes it will, there is a costs for this. Question - Is this program mandatory or voluntary. Mr. Heftman answers - it's mandatory. It's a new State law that was passed. There is no choice and No exemptions that I know of, but we can take a look at things on a case by case basis. Question - In 2024 it will start to be enforced... what does that mean. Mr. Heftman answers – It's mandatory to starting doing this now, but there is an educational period before it actually starts being enforced in 2024. Question – Will you be providing the bags for composting. Mr. Heftman answers – No, I would recommend using the bags you come across in your everyday life. Question – About enforcement... how do you know who is and isn't doing the composting process. Mr. Heftman answers - We use the Waste Evaluation. We'll sample a group or a street to test to see how many are doing it and if they are doing it right. Then depending on the results, we'll send out more education information through the mail.

10. 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

11. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra reads the May Treasury report (distributed to the Council). **Motion** to approve May treasury report by Councilmember Ordubegian. Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously. In other business, after doing the Auditors report, we still have checks that haven't been cashed in the amounts of \$187, \$25, and \$19. Council discussion. **Motion** to move the three checks (outstanding liability) to the Council's General Account by Councilmember Kilpatrick, seconded by Councilmember Mueller. Approved unanimously.
- b. Outdoor fitness center at Two Strike Park – No update given.
- c. Corresponding Secretary – Councilmember Lewin gave the following updates - There was one check in the mail - It for \$300 towards our scholarships fund. Also, the Youth Town Council made \$200 selling the stickers.
- d. Scholarship Committee – President Leon gave the following updates – Thank you to Ted and Frida for all your work for the scholarship committee and Youth Council. Councilmember Yu did a great job. He's currently vacationing with his family. Councilmember Baghdassarian took over and did a great job.
- e. Outreach Committee – Councilmember Lewin – Meeting/forum on Safe Streets on June 29th The Sheriff's Department, GUSD, department of Public Works will be there Please come to the forum and speak your mind. There is a mulch event at Two Strike Park this weekend.
- f. Prayer Breakfast – No update given

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.