



General Council Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2022

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Leon, 7:02 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by Councilmember Ahlers
3. Invocation: Led by Councilmember Ahlers
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Lewin, Rodriguez, Ahlers, Libra, Mueller, Kilpatrick, Yu, Madsen, Baghdassarian, and Suh Not Present: Ordubegian
5. Approval of June Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Kilpatrick. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of July Meeting Agenda, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Libra. Seconded by Councilmember Mueller. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
 - a. Youth Council – Sue Kilpatrick tribute was given. President Leon Comments – Sue’s tireless efforts to try and make the community better will be sorely missed. We truly lost someone that made a difference in our wonderful community, and it’s a loss we are all feeling. Once the ADA improvement are completed at CV Park, I believe the CVTC should work to get a plaque placed at the park to commemorate all her hard work on the project. We will all miss her and will continue to celebrate her life.
 - b. Sheriff – Captain Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for June – Part 1 Crimes – 3 commercial burglars. Three cars were stolen, but we got them all back. This happened near Harmony Farms. Fyi, 2015 Kia Sols are vehicles that are targeted because they are easy to steal. We had 6 Identity Theft incidents. We issued 141 citations and 48 warnings. Part 1 crimes are slightly up from last year,

- but part 1 crimes decreased from May. We've seen a 15 percent increase in citations written compared to last year. We also had three catalytic converter incidents. 2 of these were connected to the auto commercial burglaries previously mentioned. We will be having an etching event coming up. We had a neighborhood watch and preparedness event up at Briggs Canyon. Fire was out there and Ms. Grycan was out there as well. Community Questions - TJ Max was robbed recently. Any report on that. Captain Hahnlein Answers - That is La Canada, but yes, that did happen. TJ Max has a lot of high end stuff compared to other places so they are targeted. Question – I've seen a lot of glass shattered by sidewalks near Bob Smith Toyota and in Montrose. Were those snatch and grabs. Captain Hahnlein Answers – I hadn't heard that, but I will keep a look out for it. Question – Alta Dena Dairy had an incident recently, any details on that. Captain Hahnlein Answers - There was a stolen vehicle there, and that is why we showed up
- c. Fire Department – Miss Maria Grycan gave the following updates – Statistics for the Month of June – 63 responses in total. We had 44 medical calls (32 transported to the hospital). We had 1 fire, but it was an electrical fire in the garage. The cars in front of the garage were also involved. It did caused a lot of damage. Safety tip of the month - Protect yourself from heat related injuries. Drink a lot of water and pace yourself. Announcement – We are targeting residential wildfire areas and brush areas and will be distributing radios to the residences of the foothill area. These radios are programmed to go off (alarm) if there is a wildfire. The Fire Department can send an alert over these radios whenever needed. The radios don't need power or cell service. In the future, we could isolate the alarms/alerts so that it only goes off in La Crescenta. Currently it could go off now if there is a fire in Malibu. That is why we'd like to get the technology to isolate where it goes off in the future. We ask people to pre-order their radios. Residence can then pick them up on Aug 9th at the library, from 5 – 7 p.m. No charge for the radios but you need to pre-registered. However, there will be extras. We are putting together a virtual training on August 23rd. A FAQ sheet will be available at the training. The training will be recorded, and I can provide a link to that website. Community Questions - If I'm out of town during the pick-up date what do I do. Miss Grycan Answers – Somebody can pick it up for you. One radio per household. Question – Can La Canada residents come as well. Miss Grycan Answers – yes, I'm promoting it there as well. They can come to both places. Question – How are you going to prevent these radios from going to ebay to be sold – Miss Grycan Answers – We can't, but there are serial numbers if we want to track them. People are should return them if they move out of town, but we know we won't see some of these again. National Night Out coming up on August 2nd – Will be at the lower lot of the CV station. Introduces acting Fire Chief – Prass Springle - I transferred from South LA to here. I've been on the job 30 years. Mostly on the aviation sand the camp section side of things. I live in Pasadena. My kids played soccer and baseball here in La Crescenta. I'm excited to be here. President

Leon Comments – We are glad to have you here. Please let us know what we can do to help you. You’re in great hands with Maria, who is very active in our community and always makes herself available. We appreciate you both

- d. CHP – Officer Bay gave the following updates – Statistics for the month of June – We had 5 Traffic Collisions, 2 of these were hit and runs. 3 had injuries, but thankfully all were minor. We also had 10 Traffic Collisions in Angeles Crest. Events – This weekend is our Spring Mixer. We’ll also be at the National Night Out. On August 10th there will be a Start Smart presentation at the library. In August we’ll be having another special vehicle enforcement day(s) This is where we target big rig trucks and will be looking for speed, weight and lane issues. We are going to get 12 new officers very soon. 5 are currently on the job and 7 will start August 10th. Community Questions - How many officers do you currently have – Officer Bay Answers - We have about 100 Officers in total. We are getting 12 new officers. Some areas are only getting 2 or 3. Question – What is the range/area your department covers – Officer Bay Answers - We cover the 210 from Monrovia (Huntington Dr) to the 118 (Paxton). On the 134 from Pasadena to the start of the 101. All the unincorporated area.
- e. CV Chamber – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates – CV Chamber Director , and past president Steve Pierce was on the cover of the CV Weekly. Congratulations to him and all he does for the community. Events – BBQ and Bingo at St. Luke’s Church on July 23rd. The bbq will be between 4:30 – 6 p.m. We will be serving pulled pork, and it will cost \$15. Bingo will be \$20 dollars to play. And you’ll get a 10 pack of cards. This will start around 6-9 p.m. Most games if you’re the only winner you’ll win around \$100. The Sheriff will be there as well for Coffee with the Captain. The new command post will be brought out for all to see. It will be there around 3 – 4:30 p.m.. Food Drive will also be going on at the same day/time. Fireworks - Next year they will be working on the football field... so we aren’t sure where they will be held. We were really happy with the fireworks and hope everyone enjoyed it. We will also have a booth at the National Night Out, handing out flags and information.
- 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 –
- j. GUSD – Dr. Chris Golster(Executive Director of Secondary Education) gave the following updates – Dr. Etchian couldn’t make it tonight, but sends her regards. I’ve been on the job for a week now and lived in Glendale since 2005. I was a Principal at CV High School. We are going back to school on August 17th. Summer School ends on Monday July 25. Orientation programs will be starting soon to get the students acclimated and ready to come back. President Leon Comments – Thank you for all your work at Dailey Elementary. They all appreciate you. Keep up the good work and great job. We are glad to have you in your new role.

- k. Land Use Committee – Miss Ines Chessum gave the following updates –. We haven't met in the last few month. SB9 is an ongoing issue and as well as the ADU issue. I have been in communication with the Board of Supervisors Office as well as Regional Planning. We are trying to put in guidelines to stop some of the possible development that could occur which would change how our neighborhood looks They are mainly targeting R1 properties. We've been in communication with Connie Chung who is the Executive director of Regional Planning. Many communities around us have put in F.A.R. guidelines in their area. These limit what can be built based on the square footage of the lot, and thus it reduces the volume of units built. We'd like to included F.A.R. guidelines in our CSD. Regional Planning can't engage with us because they are working on the East San Gabriel Valley area. We are West San Gabriel Valley. Regional Planning will focus on our CSD after they get done with the East San Gabriel Valley. They are about a couple of months away from hiring a consultant to work on this area's plan. At that point is when they will really work with us and listening with our concerns. This will start sometime around the Fall. They want to do this by 2024. Note: It took us 4 to 5 years to update the last CSD. The County is recommending that we need to make the community aware of these changes by having a special meeting to talk about SB9, ADUs etc. The LUC recommends that the CVTC set up a meeting for this. Miss Chessum would like to present at the meeting. The parking issue is a separate issue, and different people at Regional Planning are in charge of that one. These issues are both related, but handled by different areas within Regional Planning. Community Questions – Do we have any mechanisms available to pushback against these State Laws. They seem to be taking it out of our hands. Do we have allies in Regional Planning to help us. Do the community members know what is going on. Miss Chessum answers – Most don't realize what's going on. Most don't realize they have already changed aspects of R1's. The State tells the County they need to comply with the Law. They can't say no to the State. The cities within the County are the ones who put the rules and regulations in place to try and limit development. That is why many communities have put in F.A.R. guidelines into their CSD.
 - l. Streets and Transportation – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates – Prospect Ave project is almost done. The La Crescenta Resurfacing Project is ongoing, and they are currently doing more studies on the crosswalks. They should be done at the end of the year. Then public works will do another Outreach after that. CV water is doing work at Los Olivos Ave.. The Foothill Gas Line project is continuing.
8. Community Announcements (2 minutes)
- a. Library: Miss Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – Library is doing quite well. We are the second highest circulating library in our area. We are open 7 days a week. We have about 9,000 people coming through our doors. We circulate about 19,000 items a month. Culver City is no. 1. President Leon – We appreciate you and

- all you do for the community. You're the best. Community questions - When is the next book sale. Miss Wiggins answers - in about a year. Question – Does the library receive book donations. Miss Wiggins Answers - We are taking donations at all times. We get about a 1000 items a week. There are some that have condition issues. Helpful tip - Don't put books into the garage. Once they go in the garage they stay there. Question - What is the vetting process for what books you will keep. Miss Wiggins answers - We have selectors at our library headquarters. They do the vetting for all the libraries in the area. They/we try to have a wide selection of items, with most areas/views represented. Question - What happens to the books that don't go out to the libraries. Miss Wiggins answers - The library will get the first look at the selection. They it goes to the friends of the library to look at to see if they'd like to add something to their collection. If they are old or out of date, eaten, yellow... they go into recycling.
- b. Park & Rec – No update given
 - c. American Legion – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates - The Legion will be doing a bingo on August 19th at Holy Redeemer from 6-9 p.m. We'll have a raffle going on during that event, and there should be a lot of good gifts. The Legion doesn't take any of the money, and we contribute the money to the youth groups in our community. The Boy Scout will be doing a Silent Auction in Glendale in October.
 - d. Promplus – Mary O'Keefe gave the following updates – We will be at the National Night Out. Our new President, Joy, will also be there. We are partnering with the Firehouse for the event. Firehouse – is open Wed like always. We generally get about 50 kids. We will also be open on Thursday. One hour of fun and then an hour of teaching. We are partnering with Chase impact foundation as well. We recently worked with the community to find a homeless man a place to live. The CV Weekly mixer will be on August 11th from 6 to 8 p.m. We are partnering with the Chamber for that event. Thank you to everyone who helped out at the PromPlus event. We think it went very well. We couldn't have done the cleanup with the robotic teams and Firehouse. We had 300 kids at prom plus. The Y did a great job. I'd just like to also say that we'll miss Sue Kilpatrick, and it was a big loss. She was always at our PromPlus events, and supported the CV Weekly.

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. Nola – Noticed the letter that was sent to the County by the CVTC in Re: 5G cell towers. We are going to continue to talk about the issue, and make sure the Supervisors office sees the letter.
- b. Community member - I'm a building inspector, and am really concerned about SB9/ADUs/Parking. I think we should be rallying the community so that everyone knows about this. I suspect most don't. This is a critical time, and we need to start letting our voice in opposition be heard now.

10. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra reads the June Treasury report (distributed to the Council). **Motion** to approve June treasury report by Councilmember Lewin. Seconded by Councilmember Kilpatrick. Approved Unanimously.
- b. Outdoor fitness center at Two Strike Park – No update given.
- c. Corresponding Secretary – Councilmember Lewin gave the following updates – We sent a letter to the County to express our concern about the proposed parking bill/ordinance that eases parking requirement for new construction. We also sent a letter about 5G to the County and shared the thoughts and information that we received from community members. We are hoping to implement a more report based procedure for events like the prayer breakfast to correctly document the contributions we receive. This will likely be via google drive.
- d. Scholarship Committee – President Leon gave the following updates –
- e. Outreach Committee – Councilmember Lewin gave the following updates– Start Smart hosted by the CHP is coming soon for new drivers up to the age of 19. This will take place at the library. There are a lot of people signed up already. We have a max capacity of 60 people in the library. We also had a forum recently to discuss the traffic issue concerning our community. There was a lot of good conversations had and connection made. President Leon comments – I'd also like to thank Burtec for coming to our last meeting to discuss composting. They also had very successful mulch and e-waste events that were very well received.
- f. Prayer Breakfast – No update given
- g. Other announcements – President Leon comments – Please keep in mind that Illegal dumping is a 10,000 fine. The County can charge up 10k for illegal dumping. I see a lot on Montrose Ave and on Rosemont near Ralph's. Thank you to the Cpt. Hahnlein and Sheriff's Department for taking care of RV's parked on underpass (eastside of Pennsylvania). I'd like to create an emergency preparedness task force that includes: CHP, Sheriff, Public Works, Fire, and other agencies to make sure the community is prepared in the event of an emergency. We want to make sure the public is safe, and what we expect from them and what they expect from us during those types of situations. We could do quarterly meetings if possible. We just want to get as much information out to the public on procedures, protocols, contacts, etc. We want them as informed as possible in the event of an emergency. Regular

communication and ideas could only help. Sheriff Hahnlein responds - It's all the agencies that get activated during those situations... Fire, Police, CHP, Sheriff, Public Works. We will activate our EOC and start to implement the procedures and protocols in place. We'd be happy to have more discussion on this and get more information out to the public on what to expect.

11. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.