



General Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Kilpatrick, 7:03 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by: Councilmember Mr. Baldwin
3. Invocation: Led by: Mr. Baldwin
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Kilpatrick, Rodriguez, Yu, Baghdassarian, Libra, Ordubegian, Ahlers, Lewin, and Mueller Not Present: Leon and Suh
5. Approval of March Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Ordubegian, Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian . Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of April agenda, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin. Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
  - a. Youth Council Liaison Chloe Baghdassarian gave the following updates – We are meeting in person again. The Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow event went well. Each Entrepreneur had their own booth at the Farmers market. We have our Stories of Saturday even coming up on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Library.
  - b. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Part One Crimes - 1 Robbery (Ralphs), 1 Assault, 10 Larcenies. Part two crimes - 1 narcotic incident, 1 vandalism and 6 identity theft/fraud incidents. We issued 150 citations and 75 warnings. We also had 1 commercial burglary and one residential burglary. Safety Tip - Be careful if you live near onramps as criminals like to target those areas.
  - c. Fire Department – Miss Grycan gave the following updates – Month of April stats - 61 responses (no fires) 45 of those were medical call and 34 were transported. We also had 10 good intent calls. Safety tip – Brush inspections will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. Question answered by Miss Grycan – In regard to zone zero... That won't be

enforced this year correct. Answer - Yes it won't be enforced this year. it will likely be enforced in 2024. They have not made a final determination yet on what it will look like. There will be a public comment on this topic in the fall. Don't do anything at this time.

- d. CHP – Officer Bay gave the following updates –Safety report for the month of March. 9 traffic collisions, with 5 resulting in property damage, and 1 was investigated as a DUI. We are out there in force to address bad driving habits that could cause accidents or for other drivers to lose their temper: Unsafe Lane changes, tailgating, talking on cell phones, speeding etc. We are out there enforcing this on our highways. We are currently hiring, so get those applications in. Questions for Officer Bay - Has it been harder to hire personnel. Answer - It has more or less been the same. Not harder but we do a lot of screening. We are also hiring clerical staff as well. Questions for Officer Bay - What is an SEU. Answer - Special Enforcement Unit. Question – Any idea what caused the tire marks on the street near 7-11. Answer – No idea, but please report any dangerous incidents you witness.
- e. CV Chamber – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates – Country Fair is on April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be at CV Park. There will be bouncy houses, pie eating contents, dog parade, food trucks and music. The Sheriff's department will bring their operation center.
- f. CV Cert – No update given.
- g. CV Ready - Fire Council – I haven't been around for a bit. Sorry about that. I am the president to CV firehouse Council which is part of CV ready. We will have a booth at the Country Fair. We also have disaster preparedness for you to see in addition to Paul Dutton's presentation. Please stop by our booth to learn more.
- h. CV Water – No update given
- i. CVCA – No update given.
- j. GUSD – Mr. Chris Coulter (Director of Secondary Education) gave the following updates – Dr. Etchian sends her best. School year is winding down. We are really looking to improve safety at our campus. We are rethinking our open lunch and are considering closing campus at lunch time. CV is one of the few schools that is open for lunch in the state. We are trying to find a balance between safety and tradition. We want to get feedback from the community and are trying to be thoughtful about the possibility of closing the campus at lunch. We are looking at the cafeteria staff and if they can support the change in volume. We are looking at opening up new areas for students to sit and eat so we can keep more students on campus. We are thinking about doing a trial run this upcoming year. We are looking at the possibility of single entry and exit if lunch does remain open. We've thought about a reward system and earning the right to leave campus at lunch. In short, we are trying to look at all available options to keep our students and campus safe. Questions answered by Mr. Coulter – Was closing lunch a consideration prior to the recent incident on campus. Answer – Yes. It has always been on the table. At Glendale,

some seniors can leave, and some can't. They staggered things some. Question – what is the procedure when a faculty member sees someone on campus that shouldn't be there. Answer – We'd want that staff member to take that person to the visitor center. We know who should or shouldn't be on campus. All staff were trained on this before and have been re-trained again. They are supposed to stay with the unknown person on campus and walk them to the visitor center. Comment – When I went to CV buying lunch at school was not an option. I went home at lunch, and it was a lot cheaper to do so. Answer – Food is free for all students through the end of the year. That goes through next year as well. Question – Comparing Glendale, Hoover and CV. CV has a significantly higher student body than Glendale and Hoover. I'd like to see a plan that shows how our students are going to be fed and where are they going to eat. It's already more than the cafeteria can handle, and they won't be able to feed that many people. It seems odd to close the school because someone came on campus at 8 a.m. Closing for lunch is not addressing the intrusion. It happened in the morning. Answer – The recent incident did make us look at all safety aspects at our schools. We have a variety of safety implementations we are considering, and closing lunch is just one of them.

- k. Land Use Committee – Ms. Ines Chessum gave the following updates – We have the library reserved for our next LUC meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The project at Briggs is back again. At this point, all we know is no project has been formally submitted to the department of Regional Planning for review. The developer is trying to figure out what they can and can't do. Regional planning has offered to ask the owner to make a presentation to the LUC. If the project goes further along the owner isn't required to give a presentation. We are hoping to work with the developer on this and will keep an eye on this project. We also have an Area Plan coming up. La Crescenta has a CSD that will be included in this. We would like to have R1 included in our CSD considering all the ADU development happening in the area. We want some guidelines for R1s. If you're interested in participating in the Area Plan please email the Town Council and they will forward it to the LUC. We are also working with Regional Planning on the new housing guidelines they are proposing. They are trying to set up new building and design guidelines for all new housing developments. Questions answered by Miss Chessum – Are you looking for volunteers for the Area Plan. What is the commitment level if you want to be a part of this project. Answer - There is a planning committee. We'll meet about once a month. A lot of it brainstorming in the beginning. Once things get going it will move quickly. Their goal is to have this completed by 2024. We were supposed to have a consultant secured by last fall, they still don't have one, so maybe their timeline will be adjusted. The East San Gabriel Area Plan is already done. Question – We have a lot ADUs being built, and if this continues, we aren't going to have our rural feel anymore. Answer - We used to be able to have a guest house on an r1 property. Now you're allowed to main dwelling unit, two ADUs and 1 junior ADU. Which only

makes parking more of an issue and taxes our infrastructure. The good news is, the County is considering how these changes will impact our community. We've had a good working relationship with the County. We just need to keep this local in order to invoke change. The one tool we can use is our CSD. Again, please come to our meetings if you want to hear about the Area Plan and development in our area.

- I. Streets and Transportation Committee – Update given under Council Business Below.
8. Community Announcements (2 minutes)
    - a. Library: Ms. Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – Next Saturday we have dance art. I'm looking at bringing back the Book Club back in June. We are operating with only 60% of our normal staff and yet we the no. 2 Library in the district.  
libraries
    - b. Park & Rec – No update given
    - c. American Legion – Mr. Mike Baldwin gave the following updates - We have our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Armed Forces Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a car show there. There will also be emergency vehicles and music. This will take place between 10a.m. and 3 p.m. There are flyers on the back table for both events. Boy Scouts will be having their annual bingo on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Glendale Elks Lounge. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the first game starts at 6 p.m. You'll get 40 chances to win. Question to Mr. Baldwin – How much is it to sponsor a game. Answer - Starts at 100 dollars a game.
    - d. Promplus/Firehouse – Mary O'Keefe.
  
  9. Mr. Paul Dutton about the CV Cert Program – CV Cert members volunteer around 1000 hours each year to make sure we are safe. I noticed about 15 people here who are CERT members. On May 6<sup>th</sup> we are going to be opening up CERT training to the public. It will be at the library. As an example of the impact of our training - We reduced the search time by staff at Dunsmore elementary by 1 hour after we started doing our training. We have taught all GUSD Principals. CERT training has been around in LA for 18 years. This program was first formed under the watch of Major Tom Bradley. Cert was born to save our friends and neighbors. We had our first meeting in 2008. We created 10 CERT locations around the area that can work independently of one another and work with other agencies at the same time. We have all these cities around us. Those other cities have their own CERT organizations, and we help each other out when needed. Power poles have nos. on them. Write those down. If a powerline goes down, you can't get within 30 feet. If you need to report it, you'll need the power pole no. We could have a wind issue, earthquake, or have a water main breaking and this class will be critical to us getting through it easier. Class will start on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll also have another class in October. If someone wants to sign up they can contact me. Community Comments/Questions - Thank you Paul and Lisa for all the work and time you put in to make our community safer. Councilmember Ahlers thanks Paul for all he and the CERT

team does for our community. She hands Paul a donation to help keep the CERT program alive and well.

#### 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 Public Comments

#### 11. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra - **Motion** to approve the March Treasury report as received by Councilmember Baghdassarian, Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved unanimously.
- b. Outdoor fitness center at Two Strike Park – No update given.
- c. Corresponding Secretary – No update given
- d. By-laws Committee – No update given
- e. Scholarship Committee – Councilmember Yu – We interviewed 19 Scholarship applicants. We are almost done with the evaluation of all applicants and will have our recommendation for the winners and how much should be awarded soon.
- f. Outreach Committee – No update given.
- g. Pancake Breakfast – No update given.
- h. Streets and Transportation – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates - There is still ongoing work by the county on La Crescenta Ave. We also have the Active Transportation Plan for Foothill Blvd. still ongoing and there will be additional walk/bike audits coming up. Also, we have a task force that meet regularly about traffic safety and speeding in our area. When we meet, the county agencies want to know areas of concern and get any community feedback we can provide. We are thinking about getting community input via social media instead of at a Town Hall. Hopefully we'll get more feedback that way. We want to connect people in our community that are having issues with the right county agency. I was asked to put a list together of our traffic issues. As an example, Monte Vista has 700 students when there should only be 300. This causes traffic issues because the school's parking drop-off infrastructure can't support the volume of students. Our main goal is to connect the right people together, and be in the loop, but not run it. We want to be in the loop, but not run that. We will put the feedback link on our social media page(s). Please take the time to send us your feedback.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.