



General Council Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2023

Via Zoom Call

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Kilpatrick, 7:02 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by: Councilmember Libra
3. Invocation: Led by: Joe Karn of Light of the Corner Church
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary: Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Kilpatrick, Leon, Libra, Ahlers, Lewin, Rodriguez, Baghdassarian and Mueller Not Present: Yu, Ordubegian and Suh
5. Approval of May Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Libra, Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved unanimously.
6. Approval of June Amended Agenda, (Representative from Laura Friedman's office will be Agenda item 9 and the CV Historical Society will be within Agenda 12 Community Announcements, Item E. **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Libra, Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
 - a. Youth Council – No update given.
8. Scholarship Awards Ceremony - President Kilpatrick invites Councilmember Ahlers to speak about the Scholarship award process. Councilmember Ahlers - We had around 20 applications. We looked at various criteria when selecting winners, not just academic achievements, but also factors like community involvement. We had a lot of great applicants this year who all have a great future ahead of them. President Kilpatrick – We had an impressive group of applicants, and they were all deserving. This scholarship process reinforces that we have excellent students in our community who are poised, smart and hardworking. We should all be proud of them and excited for our future.

Scholarships are presented to the following winners: Christian Ovilla; Talin Dergevorkian, Cian Covington; Jonah Yi; and Nicholas Kahdian.

9. Christopher – Representative from Laura Friedman’s Office – I cover much of the Crescenta Valley area. Chris talks about the legislation that has recently passed in the State Assembly – There have been 18 Bills passed, and they cover a variety of issues. Some of the principal areas of focus are transportation, homelessness and consumer health. – As an example, AB761 focuses on improving and encouraging more public transportation. Another Bill looks at ways to strengthen and secure event ticket purchases. AB496 prohibits the sale of toxic chemicals, another Bill stops the selling of products that contain fiberglass. AB 389 is on telemedicine which looks to bridge the gap in healthcare access. Those are example of some of the Bills that have recently passed. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

10. Los Angeles Public Works Presentation by Steven Gutierrez titled ***Prospect Ave, et al. Phase II – Pavement Preservation Project*** – There will be **Three Project Stages**: 1. Parkway Concrete Repair; 2. Road maintenance treatment of 7.4 miles of residential streets; 3. Parkway tree planting. **Program Goal** – *Treat the right roads with the right treatment at the right time and in the right way*. This will include a Robust engineering process to initiate the project based on the pavement condition/budget and focus on sustainability and environmental stewardship. **Sustainability Three-Prong Approach**: 1. Preserve our Pavements – Take care of our good roads, first, extend the service life of our fair and poor roads through pavement preservation treatments; 2. Use Recycled Material – Reclaimed asphalt pavement and asphalt rubber hot mix; 3. Reutilize Existing in-place materials – cold-in place recycling, cold central plant recycling and soil stabilization. **Stage 1** – Summer 2023 – Repair of damaged sidewalk, curbs, gutters, and curb retrofitting to meet current ADA standards. Estimated removal of 11 parkway trees to accommodate repairs. Parkway trees may need to be removed because a tree is structurally unsound or has other defects, the tree has outgrown its current growth space and cannot be safely root pruned for adjacent roadway or parkway concrete repairs. **Stage 2** – Pavement Preservation – Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 – Three-part cape seal treatment process. **Stage 3** – Parkway Tree Planting Opportunity – Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 – Completed on an opt-in basis, meaning, residents must request a tree and commit to watering, all tree planting request will be reviewed by Public Works, and Public Works will provide routine maintenance for the parkway tree, not including watering. **What to expect during construction** – Working Hours will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Temporary no parking signs will be posted at least 48 hours in advance of work beginning, brief periods of limited access or closures during various phases of work (advanced notice will be provided) and trash pickup will occur on regular scheduled days. **What to expect after construction** – The fresh pavement will have a deep dark, glossy finish and may be soft to the touch right after application, tire and

scruff markings may also appear, loose gravel or aggregate may dislodge from roadway, and this is normal, Public Works will monitor the roadway to assure the pavement treatment cures as expected. **Questions** Reach out to: Steven Gutierrez, Associate Civil Engineer (626) 300-3233 or Regina Kingi, Civil Engineering Assistant (626) 458-3983. Website – <http://pw.lacounty.gov>. Council/Community Questions – Certain species of trees are protected. Are those going to be taken out during this project. Answer – I do not know which trees are involved, but we have an arborist there to review things. Question – Will the various potholes in our area be a part of this project. Answer – Those require more intensive 3-part care and may or may not be part of this specific project. Question – The streets that were part of phase 1 I have already seen cracking, is that normal. Answer – This can be solved by preventative maintenance. There is a likelihood for reflective cracking to push through a year or two later. This can happen and is normal. Question - We have lived here since 1976, and all the streets were worked on regularly, but now it does not happen very often, why. Answer – it was a funding limitation. But now we have more funding. Comment – When putting in trees, please put in trees that are more reflective and representative of our area. We do not need any small puny trees. Answer – We will keep that in mind, but we also have to consider pedestrian ADA access as well. Often big trees with massive roots aren't good for long lasting ADA friendly sidewalks. Question – Can anybody can ask for tree placement or only in the project area. Answer – Anyone in the community can ask for tree placement and it will be vetted by Public Works.

11. Community Reports (Continued):

- b. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for May – Part 1 Crimes – 1 residential and 2 commercial burglaries (Office Depot), 16 larcenies and 3 GTAs. Part 2 Crimes – 4 vandalisms and 2 identity fraud incidents. We issued 211 citations and 86 warnings. We had 5 catalytic convertor thefts. Community/Council Questions – I read about stolen license plates being used to commit crimes. Answer – Yes. There has been an increase in stolen plates in the area. They put them on the vehicle they are going to commit a crime with so they cannot be tracked. Question – Will there be any more etching events coming up. Answer Yes. We hope to have one coming up soon. Safety tips – In general, thieves target areas by the freeway on ramps. They like target Toyota Prius cars for CC theft. In the latest Catalytic thefts, we got good video of them and know what they look like. Question – License plates that flip around are illegal, right. Answer – Yes. Question - How bad is theft in our area. Answer – it is easier to steal in other depressed areas, and therefore we are lower than many areas. Question – At the last meeting there was a reported rape incident, what was the context behind that if you can share. Answer – It was sexual activity between an 18-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl.
- c. Los Angeles County Fire – No update given.

- d. CHP – Officer Bay gave the following updates – Traffic Collision report for the month of May. There 4 TC’s and 2 of those had injuries. One of those was a DUI and a hit and run incident. Safety tip – in the month of June there is not much sun, and your tire pressure can get low. Visibility can also be lowered when there is not as much sun, so be safe and walk with somebody whenever possible. We participated in both the Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day celebrations. They were both great. We are getting 7 new officers at our precinct and there are a total of 100 officers that will be graduating all together. Council/Community Question – Are trucks allowed in left lane i.e., fast lane. Answer - It really depends on type of vehicle it is and the weight of the vehicle or its load. We have commercial vehicle enforcement at least once a month where we look for issues just like that.
- e. CV Chamber – No update given
- f. CV Cert – No update given.
- g. CV Ready - Fire Council – no update given
- h. CV Water – No update given
- i. CVCA – No update given.
- j. GUSD – Ms. Etchian (Superintendent) and Ms. Friedman (Board member) gave the following updates – We had a fabulous graduation on June 11th and saw 1600 life ready seniors move on to their next adventure. Last Monday our Summer School program started. This is not just for those that are behind but also for those that want to graduate sooner. August 16 will be the start date of the new school year. There was a bit of turbulence at our last Board Meetings and the Glendale Police Department ended up showing up. The individuals causing problems were not even from our school district, and yet, they showed up and endangered others who were there peacefully. Question – When are the GUSD Board Meetings. They are on the first Tuesday of every month and can also be streamed while at home.
- k. Land Use Committee – Ms. Ines Chessum gave the following updates – We did not meet last month. We are still looking into any new construction in our area and will give an update on those when more information becomes available. We are still looking to update our CSD and working with the County on that. Lastly, we are still in the initial stages of the West San Gabriel Area Plan and are waiting for the County to hire a consultant.

12. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Ms. Martha Wiggins gave the following updates –The Book Club will be coming back soon. We have been super busy, but it is great that we have a lot of customers coming into the library. We recently had an acrylic event, a Juneteenth Quilt event, and a popsicle art event They were all a lot of fun and a success.
- b. Park & Rec – No update given
- c. American Legion – Mr. Jerry gave the following updates – June 24th is the Bingo for the Boy Scouts event at the Elks Club in Glendale. It is open to anybody. Admission

- at the gate will be \$25 and it will start at 6 p.m. Food will be also available. Our annual 4th of July celebration will once again be at CV high school. The gate opens at 4 p.m. and the fireworks will start around 9 pm. Tickets will be \$10 at the gate.
- d. Promplus/Firehouse – No update given.
 - e. CV Historical Society - At our next monthly meeting we will welcome the Executive Director of Neon art. There will also be a tour of the Neon Museum. On June 20th there will be a wine festival at the civic auditorium in Glendale. There will also be a tour of Rancho San Rafael, which was the first vineyard and founded by Jose Maria Verdugo. Please visit our website for more information on our upcoming events.

13. 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. I recently attended the CV Water District meeting to discuss the proposed rate increase to our property taxes. The meeting was recorded, but they still have not made the recording available. There were about 100 or so people there, but not as many as there could/should be. This is a critical issue that we need to make the people is this community aware of. Council comments – We will continue to post information about this on our various platforms so the public is aware of the issue and when the next meeting will be.

14. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra - **Motion** to approve the May Treasury report as received by Councilmember Leon, Seconded by Councilmember Ahlers. Approved unanimously.
- b. Corresponding Secretary – No update given.
- c. Committee Reports
 - a. Scholarship Committee – **Motion** to award 5 scholarships in the amount of \$300 each by Councilmember Leon, seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Streets and Roads – Councilmember Mueller gave the following updates - Working on a traffic survey. We are asking questions about driving around the schools and La Crescenta in general. We have received a ton of feedback

from the community regarding traffic safety. The County always asks us to tell us exactly where the issues are and when they are occurring, and we hope this survey will gather information that we can pass along to the County. Gas company are installing new lines on Orange Ave. The County also has a survey on their website about turning flood channels into bike roads. Please respond to their survey with your view on that proposed plan.

- c. Community Outreach – We received the \$5,000 we ask for from the Supervisor’s office

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.