



General Council Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023

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1. Call to Order & Welcome: President Kilpatrick, 7:03p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by: Donna Libra
3. Invocation: Led by: Mike Baldwin
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary: Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Kilpatrick, Ahlers, Leon, Rodriguez, Yu, Baghdassarian, Libra, Ordubegain, and Mueller Not Present: Suh and Lewin.
5. Approval of October Meeting Minutes, **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Libra, Seconded by Councilmember Ahlers. Approved Unanimously.
6. Approval of the Amended November General Meeting Agenda (1. Amend the Public Comments section to increase the time limit for comments to 3 minutes). **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Ahlers, Seconded by Councilmember Libra. Approved Unanimously.
7. Community Reports (3 min and questions)
 - a. Youth Council – Acting Liaison Sabrina Ordubegian – The Youth Council had a Bake sale at Ralph’s. Thank you to all those that helped, including the Council members that stop by. We made a total of \$200. On September 7th, the newly elected Youth Council were all sworn in by Kathryn Barger. We will also be at the Christmas Day Parade coming up soon.
8. Community Reports (Continued):
 - b. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for October - 1 rape (told him to stop and he did not), 2 robberies (both from a commercial

- location), 1 assault (domestic violence), 10 burglaries (mostly going in the back door of homes. Be aware!), 10 larcenies, 3 GTAs, 1 vandalism, and 3 identify theft incidents. We issued 114 citations and 50 warnings. We were also able to stop 1 residential burglary and have one suspect is in custody. We are working on a cigar night event. The Truck and Treat event went well. Community/Council Questions – At our last meeting, we submitted evidence that a sign that was stolen from the front yard of the property. Any updates. Answer - We reached out to the individual who property was stolen and they have yet to call us back. Once we hear from him directly, we can proceed. Send any additional information our way. Question – I have noticed a lot of rolling stops in my area lately. To whom do I bring that up. Answer – That area is CHP’s jurisdiction. We can issue tickets, but traffic accidents/tickets are more in their domain. Question – Is a permit required to have valet parking in a residential area. Answer - If it is a public street... they do not have to get a permit. If they block stuff, then we will get involved. If they are parking where everyone else can... it is allowed without a permit.
- c. CHP – No update given.
 - d. Los Angeles County Fire – Marie Grycan gave the following updates - For the month of October – We had a total of 82 responses, and of those, 63 were medical calls, and we transported forty-three people. We had ten service calls and nine good intent calls. Safety Tip of the Month – Please stay home when you are cooking your turkey, and do not leave the house. Keep a fire extinguisher handy. Be careful when you are deep frying a Turkey. Community/Council Questions – On Francis Ave. there are some mattresses and paint that were just left lying around. Who do I contact. Answer – That is in a fire zone. You can call the local fire station and ask them to do an inspection.
 - e. CV Chamber – Mr. Mike Baldwin provided the following updates – As an update, we have a new Mayor, and it is Dwight Sityar. We are going to have bingo night on January 27th at the VFW. We are also having a rummage sale this week at St. Luke’s, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - f. CV Cert – No update given.
 - g. CV Ready - Fire Council – no update given.
 - h. CV Water – Ms. Amaria gave the following updates - I am a project coordinator at the CV Water District. This is my 3rd week on the job. We are completing work on Rosemont Ave. near the 210 overpasses. It should be completed this week. Our team recently participated in regional tabletop exercise. Other agencies were also present. We were discussing various earthquake scenarios. We have a Board member vacancy at the CV Water District. Please apply by December 4th. Lastly, we are planning a community Q and A session on Jan 17th. Question – What prevents you from putting another addition to my property tax bill. Answer – please contact the office. This is a property tax issue that others are likely better at answering.
 - i. CVCA – No update given.

- j. GUSD – No update given.
- k. Land Use Committee – Ms. Ines Chessum gave the following updates – We did not have a meeting last month. The main thing we are looking at is the development going on at the Briggs Motel location. The developer can do a lot of what is proposed by right, but we are hopeful they will listen to the community and make some concessions. The Area Plan is going on right now. There have been a series of meeting about it. They are called workshops. They ask the community what their wishes and desires are for the community are in the future. What do you want La Crescenta to look like. Also of note, there is a parking ordinance meeting coming up on November 29th.

9. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Ms. Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – A lot of things happening. We have story time and school age programming. These do require registration. Go online to do that. We are offering the flu, covid and booster shots in the meeting room we are in now. It will be from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Native American Heritage Month is next Wednesday. We are going to discuss various Strawberry recipes. That was a major part of the native American diet. They are native to California. You can watch a video and create your own recipe book. Then on December 5th, we are having our Gift Giveaway Extravaganza. We will have a space with age-appropriate activities if you have young kids. You will have the chance to make 5 or 6 things. La Crescenta tree lighting is sponsored by Barger’s Office. She provides the funds for the ceremony. Tomorrow they will be installing the tree. On December 13th we have IT’S A WRAP. We have table, wrapping paper, and tape. You bring your gift, and we provide everything else. It is a lot of fun. Friends of the Library will have coco and gift packets for kids at the tree lighting ceremony.
- b. Park & Rec – No update given.
- c. American Legion – Mr. Mike Baldwin provided the following updates - We are going to be in the Christmas parade. We will also light the library Christmas tree on Dec. 6th at 6:00 p.m. Every year we send gift cards to active duty miliary personnel. We send out about 10 or 15 cards. It is one way of saying thank you for their service. We are participating in the Christmas Story event at the Sheriff’s in Glendale and we are donating \$1500 dollars in toys. Mr. Baldwin thanks Councilmember Ahlers for the kind words she expressed at the retirement proceeding.
- d. Promplus/Firehouse –

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. Community Member Comment – U-Matter – The website today still says there are 10 rooms to book, but it should only be 6 bedrooms. Kids can also be added to the booking, but they said they would not be allowed to. You can currently book a room and they are stating their doors are open, but then say they are not open for business. Their calendar already has 7 events listed for the coming months. If this is posted on social media, then that is not following regulations. The county should step in. They are a luxury spa that does not belong on Francis Ave. They are constantly changing things, and tomorrow it could be a sex addition spa, who knows.
- b. Community Member Comment – U-Matter - There is still a sign up that says U-Matter. I thought that was not allowed to be up yet. President Kilpatrick – Reach out to the Regional Planning and forward these issues to them directly.
- c. Community Member Comment – U-Matter - Thank you, Mary O’Keefe, for going above and beyond in your research into this and for posting the facts in the CV Weekly. They clearly knew what was going on with their website. The developer said this. They knew about the changes and authorized them. They are offering a day pass for \$250 at a 50 percent discount. That means it could be \$500 dollars a night. I have been in constant communication with various agencies about the issues I am witnessing. Last I heard the County was going to investigate various possible code violations.
- d. Community Member Comment – U-Matter – They cannot sustain this with the current business model they have. A drug rehab will be coming soon. They need a permit to upgrade the facility to a drug rehab. Regional Planning said there was no public notification required for this if that happens. We all need to stay diligent in looking into any changes they try to make.
- e. There are security issues here. The guy grabbing the sign and breaking it. There was also a yard sign that was taken. Those are two clear infractions. They came onto my property to fix the vent for their building and never asked for permission to do so.

14. Council Business

- a. Treasurer’s Report: Councilmember Libra - **Motion** to approve the October Treasury report as received by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Ahlers. Approved unanimously.
- b. Election Update Provided by Vice President Leon – We had 4 candidates running for 6 positions, and there was a total of 200 votes counted. Thank you to Donna, Elizabeth, Ted, Robert and others for helping at the election. The election results are as follows: Kerri Lewin received 31%, Chris Kilpatrick received 28.5%, Jeffrey

Rodriguez received 21.5% and Daniel Kim received 19% of the votes. The top three are elected to three-year terms, and the 4th place vote getter, will serve a 1-year term. **Motion** to approve the Election Committee's results as so stated by Councilmember Ordubegian, seconded by Councilmember Libra. Approved Unanimously.

- c. Corresponding Secretary – No update given.
- d. Committee Reports
 - a. Scholarship Committee – No update given.
 - b. Streets and Transportation – No update given.
 - c. Community Outreach – No update given.

12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.