



## General Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

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1. Call to Order & Welcome by President Leon: 7:02 p.m.
2. Flag Salute: Led by: Councilmember Libra
3. Invocation: Led by: Pastor Rick Wright -
4. Roll Call: Recording Secretary: Jeffrey Rodriguez - Present: Leon, Rodriguez, Lewin, Baghdassarian, Libra, Mueller and Kim Not Present: Ordubegian and Ahlers
5. Approval of January Meeting Minutes - **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Libra. Approved Unanimously. Approval of February Meeting Minutes - **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously.
6. Approval of the March General Meeting Agenda - **Motion** to approve by Councilmember Baghdassarian, Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously.
7. CVTC Executive Committee Chair (President Report) – Regarding former Councilmember Kilpatrick, President Leon reads the CVTC statement **Motion** to accept the report of the special investigation committee by Councilmember Libra, Seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Approved Unanimously. **Motion** to accept the resignation of former Councilmember Kilpatrick by Councilmember Lewin, Seconded by Councilmember Baghdassarian. Approved Unanimously. **Motion** to move first alternate Councilmember Kim to become a regular member of the CVTC and sever out the remainder of former Councilmember Kilpatrick's term by Councilmember Libra, Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously.
8. Youth Council – Liaison – Ashely Kim (President of CV Youth Council) – We are partnering with CVTC outreach committee to assist in the hosting of a Drug Awareness

event on April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the La Crescenta Library. We look forward to seeing everyone at the event, especially the teens of our area.

9. Community Reports (Continued):

- a. Sheriff – Cpt. Rob Hahnlein gave the following updates – Statistics for the Month of February – Part 1 crimes – 1 robbery (stole drugs from the pharmacy location), 1 assault (domestic) 8 larcenies, 1 residential burglary (came in through the bedroom window) 2 narcotic incident and 2 identify theft incidents. We issued 93 citations and 45 warnings. There was a theft of a wallet at Panera Bread in La Canada (pickpocket). Safety tip, be aware when strange people get too close, and the situation feels strange. A common tactic of the thieves is to ask for direction, have you look away and point and steal your jewelry or wallet.
- b. CHP – Update by Officer Bay – We had 13 TC in CV – 2 were hit and runs. 4 involved injuries, but thankfully there were no fatalities. Most of these took place on Angeles Crest Highway, Big Tujunga Canyon, and Lopez Canyon. I am hoping to bring a bicycle incident report for my next meeting. Safety Briefing in re: our investigative service division working together to monitor insurance fraud. Be careful of cars driving together and having coordinated attacks. We have a new Captain at our station, and his name is Cpt. Santiago, as well as new lieutenant, Lt. Griffin. We are happy to have them both here. Our Safety Commissioner had a bit of good news, there were less fatalities on the roads this year compared to last year. Question – Is there any news on the opening of Angeles Crest Highway above Red Box. Answer - we have not received any answer from Cal trans on it opening, and from what I have been told, they are installing more guardrails and improving the roads.
- c. Los Angeles County Fire – Ms. Marie Grycan gave the following updates – We had 69 responses 54 were medical calls and we transported 39 people to the hospital. There were no fires.
- d. CV Chamber – No update given.
- e. CV Cert – No update given.
- f. CV Ready - Fire Council – no update given.
- g. CV Water – No update given.
- h. CVCA – No update given.
- i. GUSD – No update given.
- j. GEF – Mr. Ron Scott gave the following updates – I’m here to catch you up on some of the things we have been doing lately. We issued a lot of teachers grants recently. Two of which went to CV, 2 to Clark and 1 to Monte Vista. We have a Principal for the Day Program, where someone who is selected, can spend the day with the principal of a particular school. It is an amazing experience, and something I highly recommend. In fact, President Leon participated in the event. President Leon – “It is a wonderful experience to see what they really do, and what there day looks like.

- Meeting with parents, kids, talking with staff, spending time in class etc. etc. It was a wonderful experience. I wanted that principal to be my principal.” We also help out schools so that students at that school get to eat lunch for free, especially low-income schools where it is needed the most. We are looking for people in the art media field, so please email me if you are in that field. In other news, at the recent Scholarship bowl – all the Glendale high schools were there, and CV did amazing at the event and placed in the top spot.
- k. Dr. Ryan Provides an update for Glendale Community College – Our woman’s basketball team made it to the final of their basketball tournament but unfortunately lost to OCC. They did this with 3 starters being Freshman, which is a great sign for our future. We have 2 events coming up – Senior night on April 4<sup>th</sup> and this is a great event. There will be music, games, discussions, and free food. I always like to mention our Promise Program - Any student can participate. Their first two years of education are free. It is a wonderful program. On May 4<sup>th</sup> is one of our community events – It will be much like an open house, and we will be talking and demonstrating the different things we do at GCC. Including showing off some of our great buildings e.g., Chemistry and Biology building. In addition, on that same day there is a Hiring Fair we are hosting.
  - l. Land Use Committee – Councilmember Rodriguez – The West San Gabriel Area Plan is really heating up, and it would be great if you can attend these events and meetings we will be having coming up. There is a Visioning Workshop coming up on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Library. There will be different departments and branches within County at this meeting e.g., Public Works, Regional Planning etc. One of the reasons why they are there, and why it’s critical to attend, is regarding development in the La Crescenta. They want to hear from you. Whether you are for it or against it. They made it clear they will be taking notes and keeping track of responses. We also have been meeting with James Drevno from Public Works who is the main point person and liaison from the County in regard to the West San Gabriel Area Plan. Since being approved by the Town Council many years ago, we are looking at updating our CSD to include R1, R2, and R3’s. Currently our CSD only covers commercial buildings and Foothill Blvd. We are also closely monitoring the Briggs Motel project. That is the most active one right now. Councilmember Lewin reads the letter received from the Supervisors Office regarding this project. In short, we hope that this letter and the discussions that have been had with the developer, lead to some changes to the plan they submitted to Regional Planning. We will keep you updated. Please attend our Land Use meeting on the first Thursday of every Month.
10. Flock Cameras - Update given by Mr. Ulysses Carrera – There has been some car break-ins in the area lately and these cameras can help reduce some of those. They are on 24/7. They even link up with amber alerts as well. You can try and target certain types of crimes with them. The flock camera notifications go straight to our

deputies. If a wanted vehicle enters your city the deputies are notified immediately. A lot of the suspects are repeat offenders, and this helps to track their movement. It can also serve as a deterrent and criminals may not come in the area because of the cameras. What makes flock safety unique. It is a subscription service model. You do not have to worry about installation or maintenance. We take care of all of that. We take the privacy of the data collected very seriously and never sell or share it with anyone. The data is owned by the agencies and city. They are the only ones who can choose who to share that information with. We have a standard 30-day data retention policy (you can extend that, but we have found that is the optimal timeline to allow officers to investigate the data). Question – Can you extend the auto deletion policy. Answer – Yes. but it must be voted on by the county agency controlling them. Question – Where can you install them. Answer – Many different places, but typically they are at intersections, but can be at Shopping Centers for example. Even apartments can own them and share that information to the sheriff. Question – So a business can own a camera and place it at their location. Answer– Yes. But they would own it and not the Sheriff's. Again, they can share that information with them, or they can turn over rights to the Council and the Council would share that information. Question – How do we decide the ideal locations to choose for any cameras purchased by residents/businesses. Answer – Sheriff – We can discuss that at another meeting and figure out the best locations. Our crime analysts will look into the best place to put it. Question – how much do the cameras cost. Answer – about \$3,000 a piece, plus a little bit for installation.

10. Community Announcements (2 minutes)

- a. Library: Ms. Martha Wiggins gave the following updates – We are now the 2<sup>nd</sup> most circulating library. We are open 7 days a week. Our Summer Ready Program is coming up. This is a monthly program for teens and adult. Lastly, I host two book clubs each month (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month).
- b. Park & Rec – No update given.
- c. American Legion – No updates given.
- d. Promplus/Firehouse – Update given on behalf of Mary O'Keefe – Firehouse is looking for volunteers. Please let us know if you are interested. PromPlus is also looking for parents who have kids currently in school who would like to take on a leadership role in the PromPlus program. PromPlus will also be having a dine-out event coming up soon.

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. Ms. Kelly – There is a house on Rosemont that is possibly rehab center. What can we do about it? We do not want this in our area. Council – We will stay on top of this and investigate it further. Please keep us posted on what you are seeing, and if possible, write letters to the county about not wanting this in our area.

#### 14. Council Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: Councilmember Libra - **Motion** to approve the February Treasury report as received by Councilmember Baghdassarian, Seconded by Councilmember Mueller. Approved unanimously. **Motion** to approve January Treasury Report as received by Councilmember Baghdassarian, Seconded by Councilmember Lewin. Approved Unanimously.
- b. Corresponding Secretary – We posted information about the parking ordinance meeting next month. There are two parking ordinance meetings coming up. There is also an April 24<sup>th</sup> hearing about ADU's in La County.
- c. Committee Reports
  - a. Scholarship Committee – No update given.
  - b. Streets and Transportation update given by Councilmember Mueller – We want to host a presentation soon from the county, in conjunction with our task force in regard to traffic safety. If you see potholes in our area, please reach out to me about them.
  - c. Community Outreach given by Councilmembers Baghdassarian and Lewin – There is a Drug Awareness presentation coming up on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Library. We will also be hosting a Home Safety/Neighborhood watch presentation on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the library.

#### 12. Adjourn: the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.