

**MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SAN MARINO CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2017 – 8:00 A.M**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Richard Sun called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL **PRESENT:** Councilman Huang, Councilman Talt, Vice Mayor Ward, and Mayor Sun

ABSENT: Councilman Yung

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gene Ruckh, San Marino, commented on pension plans, the County's upcoming ballot measure pertaining to homelessness, and imposing an environmental impact fee on the Huntington Library. *(submitted documents)*

Hal Harrigan, San Marino, commented on the City's pension obligation and on the need for the City to hire a permanent full-time Chief Financial Officer as soon as possible.

MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READINGS

Vice Mayor Richard Ward moved to waive the reading of the entire text of ordinances and resolutions; seconded by Councilman Steven Huang. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Steve Talt, Vice Mayor Richard Ward, and Mayor Richard Sun. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilman Allan Yung.

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION BY CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING WATER RATES

Brian Barreto, External Affairs Manager for Cal-American Water, gave a presentation on the Cal-American water system, including where the water comes from and information pertaining to the application for water rate increases.

Councilman Steve Talt requested that Cal-American Water look into when the last water rate decrease occurred, and provide a response to the City in writing.

Monica Na, Operations Manager for Cal-American Water, presented an overview of the primary cost drivers in the proposed rate increase. Ms. Na noted what the average rate increase would look like on a typical bill for a San Marino customer.

Councilman Steve Talt asked to see the percentages or dollar amounts for the overall sources of the rate increase, and inquired how much of the proposed rate increase is going to top executives.

Brian Barreto gave an update on the drought and stated that the State's drought regulations that are still in effect.

Mayor Richard Sun questioned the example presented by Cal-American Water on what the average rate increase would look like on a typical bill for a San Marino customer, and felt it did not accurately reflect a typical bill for a San Marino customer.

The following person(s) spoke:

Andrew Ko, San Marino
David Lipps, San Marino
Hal Harrigian, San Marino
Gene Ruckh, San Marino

Councilman Steven Huang asked for a recap of the meeting between the City Manager, the Attorney and Cal-American pertaining to the general rate increase.

Interim City Manager Cindy Collins responded that the meeting consisted of an overview of the proposed rate increase that was discussed today, as well as information on November's public input meeting.

STUDY SESSION

2. CONTRACT AWARD FOR RECRUITMENT FIRM FOR CITY MANAGER

Mayor Richard Sun, who along with Vice Mayor Richard Ward was selected to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for the City Manager recruitment, presented the staff report.

The following person(s) spoke:

Susan Jakubowski, San Marino
Hal Harrigian, San Marino
Gene Ruckh, San Marino

Mayor Richard Sun inquired about the timeline for the recruitment of the Finance Director vacancy in relation to the recruitment of the City Manager.

Interim City Manager Cindy Collins explained the timeline for the recruitment of the Finance Director position, and stated that the intention would be to have that recruitment already underway when the new City Manager came on board, but that the new City Manager would be involved in the final selection.

No action was taken at this time.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. REVIEW OF MAKING SAN MARINO BETTER LIST

The following person(s) spoke:

Hal Harrigian, San Marino
Susan Jakubowski, San Marino
Gene Ruckh, San Marino

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person(s) spoke:

Police Chief John Incontro gave an update on the upcoming Golden Streets Event.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 10:10 a.m. to:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

The City Council will meet in Closed Session with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) for Authorization to Increase its Revenues for Water Service by \$34,559,200 or 16.29% in the year 2018, by \$8,478,500 or 3.34% in the year 2019, and by \$7,742,600 or 3.303% in the year 2020, California Public Utilities Commission case number A.16-07-002.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

The City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: City Manager

Employee Organization: San Marino Fire Association.

**3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9**

Name of case: Jones v. City of San Marino, et. al.
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS164087

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION


Council reconvened to open session at 10:58 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The San Marino City Council adjourned at 10:58 a.m.


CAROL COWLEY, CMC
ACTING CITY CLERK