

JUNE 9, 2021 – CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Pacheco, MPT/Ching, C/Freedman, C/Tragarz, C/Wu

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; Finance Officer Cortez; City Engineer Gilbertson; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Code Enforcement Specialist Ramos; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Finance Analyst Meza; Public Information Officer Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- **City Operations with Anticipated Relief of State/County COVID Restrictions**

CM/Wishner introduced the item. SMA/Layman provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding proposed opening protocols and CAL/OSHA rulings.

C/Freedman expressed support for being ahead on the matter in regards to opening city facilities.

M/Pacheco, MPT/Ching, and C/Wu stated they are in favor of following County protocols in regards to opening city facilities.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding proposed public meeting protocols and options.

M/Pacheco suggested two alternatives including Zoom meetings as well as in person meetings depending on anticipated participation.

C/Tragarz stated that she would like to have meetings in public, as soon as it is safe to do so.

M/Pacheco and C/Wu stated they are in favor of following LA County protocols in regards to holding public meetings.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding city events.

Council unanimously stated they are in favor of hosting as many community events as possible.

M/Pacheco opened public comment. There being none, it was unanimously moved by Council to close public comment. Motion carried.

- **City position on Impacts of LA County District Attorney’s Office Criminal Justice Reforms and Special Directives**

CM/Wishner provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding options

MPT/Ching stated that he has heard an outcry from the community, which is why he asked for this item. He stated that he has no confidence in the district attorney’s policies.

C/Freedman stated that keeping the city safe is a top priority and would like more evidence or data to see if the policies are negatively affecting the city before calling for a vote of no confidence.

M/Pacheco opened public comment.

Angela Brunson stated that she is in favor of placing an item on a future agenda calling for a vote of no confidence on District Attorney Gascón.

C/Tragarz stated she would like to discuss options on the matter and is in favor of adding the item on an agenda to discuss the matter.

ROLL CALL VOTE

M/Pacheco called for a roll call vote of Council for placing the item on a future agenda. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman, Pacheco

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Staff stated they will provide alternatives to Council at the first meeting in July.

CC/De Dios stated that she received emails from Trudy Boehme, Regina Afanador, Maureen McCune, Terry Martin, Jeana Franco, Terry Carlos, Kevin Yu, Yolanda Romero, and Virginia Coats in favor of calling for a vote of no confidence for District Attorney Gascón.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There being no input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close oral communications.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 23rd day of June 2021.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant