

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Simi Valley, California

February 14, 2022

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Luevanos, Cavanaugh, Judge, Mayor Pro
Tem Litster and Mayor Mashburn

Remote: None

Absent: None

a. PUBLIC STATEMENTS: Having no public statements, the City Council adjourned to
Closed Session at 5:32 p.m.

b. CLOSED SESSION:

(1) Public Employment (CC)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1):

Title: City Manager

(2) Conference with Labor Negotiator (CC)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a):

City's Designated Representative: Mayor Keith Mashburn
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

(3) Conference with Labor Negotiator (CC)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a):

City's Designated Representative: Brian P. Gabler, City Manager
Employee Organization: Simi Valley Police Managers Association

(4) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (CC)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):

Name of Case: Mark Chimarusti v. City of Simi Valley
Case No.: 56-2021-00557941-CU-PO-VTA

Note: If this is a joint meeting of the City Council and Boards of Directors, the applicable entity is identified at the end of each agenda item.

CC – City Council
WWD – Waterworks District No. 8
IDA – Industrial Development Authority
PFFA – Simi Valley Public Facilities Financing Authority

PFA – Public Financing Authority
SA – Successor Agency
LB – Simi Valley Library Board of Trustees

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(5) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (CC)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) (Workers’ Compensation):

Name of Case: Patrick Coulter v. City of Simi Valley
Case Nos.: WC1682 (ADJ2757741); WC601871 (ADJ1833653); WC603460 (ADJ22655295); WC603861 (DOI: 8/2/07); WC603748 (DOI: 11/21/07); WC603847 (DOI: 5/1/08); WC 604056 (DOI: 6/15/09); WC604116 (DOI: 12/08/09); WC604284 (DOI: 9/10/10); WC604843 (DOI: 5/11/11); WC605181 (DOI: 2/23/17); WC605343 (ADJ12865629); CT, ending 9/30/19; WC604181 (DOI: 2/23/17)

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. (OPEN SESSION)

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS: City Attorney Caceres stated there was no reportable action as a result of the Closed Session meeting held on February 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by John Lapper

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Luevanos, Cavanaugh, Judge, Mayor Pro Tem Pro Tem Litster and Mayor Mashburn
Remote: None
Absent: None

1. AGENDA REVIEW: City Manager Gabler stated that a Supplemental Staff report was provided for Agenda Item 8B.

1A. ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Litster moved that all resolutions and ordinances presented tonight be read in title only and all further reading be waived. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion. (CC)

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members Luevanos, Cavanaugh, Judge, Mayor Pro Tem Litster and Mayor Mashburn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

1B. It is the policy of the City Council that upon reaching 11:30 p.m., the City Council will not address any new agenda items. Should the City Council continue to address an in-progress agenda item past 12:00 midnight, the following motion is in order.

MOTION: Move that the City Council meeting tonight may extend beyond the midnight deadline to conclude the agenda (Section 2-1.106 SVMC).

1C. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT:** None

1D. **CERTIFICATES/HONORARY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

(1) **Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Special Event Support Review Committee members (CC)**

Management Analyst Heidi DiNardo acknowledged outgoing Special Event Support Review Committee members Pat Lewis, Theresa Ramirez, Tammy Wirtz, Michelle Scharf, and Janet Plant who will receive a Certificate of Appreciation by mail.

(2) **A Proclamation declaring February 2022 as Black History Month (CC)**

Deputy City Manager Samantha Argabrite read the proclamation declaring the month of February 2022 as Black History Month.

(3) **A Proclamation declaring February 2022 as American Heart Month (CC)**

Deputy City Manager Samantha Argabrite read the proclamation declaring the month of February 2022 as American Heart Month.

2. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:** None

3. **APPOINTMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

3A. **APPOINTMENTS:**

(1) **Appointment of two Youth Council members (Swan) (CC)**

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Litster moved to approve, and the Mayor appoint, Arianna Reyes and Jasleen Sidhu to the Simi Valley Youth Council as the Apollo High School and Alternate Community-at-Large representatives to serve the remainder of the unexpired one-year term on the Simi Valley Youth Council, commencing on February 15, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2022. Council Member Judge seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members Luevanos, Cavanaugh, Judge, Mayor Pro Tem Litster and Mayor Mashburn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

3B. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None

3C. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:** None

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

5. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON ALL ITEMS OTHER THAN PUBLIC HEARINGS, APPOINTMENTS AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

The following submitted a speaker card and spoke:

1. John Lapper, Simi Valley, CA spoke about concerns he has with Mayor Mashburn and the City Council, his communication with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, and cited community issues including motorcycle traffic control of speeding, fireworks, and the Santa Susana Field Lab cleanup.
2. Elena Johnson Simi Valley, CA spoke in support of keeping Simi Valley in four districts, commented about the Simi Valley School Board, and stated her appreciation of the City Council.
3. Cheryl Welch, Simi Valley, CA spoke about issues of concern in her residential area including a lack of parking, over building, loitering and illegal activity.
4. Douglas Bamforth, Simi Valley, CA stated that Simi Valley is a community that works together. He spoke in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative, Agenda Item 8A.

Public statements by Zoom speakers:

1. Joe Piechowski, Simi Valley, CA spoke in support of no changes to the district boundaries, in opposition to SB-9, and in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative, Agenda Item 8A.

5A. **CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER/SPECIAL DISTRICT COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC STATEMENTS:**

Council Member Judge thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their opinions.

Council Member Luevanos briefly spoke regarding the traffic and transportation issue that was brought up and encouraged public advocacy to increase the usage of bike/walk pathways and buses.

Mayor Pro Tem Litster thanked all for coming out on Valentine's Day and sharing their thoughts. She concurred with Mr. Bamforth that the City of Simi Valley is a community that works together.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Luevanos pulled Consent Item 2 and Mayor Pro Tem Litster pulled Consent Item 1 for discussion.

- (1) Approval of minutes for the City Council meetings of January 10 and 24, 2022 (Blanco) (CC)

ACTION: Approved minutes with changes to January 10, 2022 minutes.

- (2) Award of professional services contracts for On-Call Engineering Design Services, RFQ NO. PW 21-04 (CC)

ACTION: Awarded contracts to Bengal Engineering, Inc., Huitt-Zollars, Inc., and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

- (3) Consideration of a resolution confirming and renewing the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and consideration of a resolution implementing the provisions of AB 361 (Gabler) (CC)

Resolution No. 2022-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY CONFIRMING AND RENEWING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

Resolution No. 2022-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS

ACTION: Adopted Resolution Nos. 2022-05 and 2022-06.

ACTION: Council Member Luevanos moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members Luevanos, Cavanaugh, Judge, Mayor Pro Tem Litster and Mayor Mashburn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

7A. Second Reading Ordinance No. 1334 adopting a map describing voting district boundaries and amending Title 2 of Chapter 4 of the Simi Valley Municipal Code (Blanco/Hehir) (CC)

Ordinance No. 1334 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY, ADOPTING A MAP DESCRIBING VOTING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING TITLE 2 OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE SIMI VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE

ACTION: Council Member Judge moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1334. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members Cavanaugh, Judge, Mayor Pro Tem Litster and Mayor Mashburn

NAYS: Council Member Luevanos

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8A. Discussion and possible adoption of a resolution to support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative (AKA: The Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Land Use Initiative) to amend Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California to make zoning and land use a community affair and not a matter of state interest (Argabrite) (CC)

Resolution No. 2022-07 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF THE “BRAND-HUANG-MENDOZA TRIPARTISAN LAND USE INITIATIVE (OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES) TO AMEND ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO MAKE ZONING AND LAND USE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND NOT OF STATE INTEREST

ACTION: Council Member Judge moved to adopt Resolution 2022-07 in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative to return land use authority to cities. Mayor Pro Tem Litster seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members Cavanaugh, Judge, Mayor Pro Tem Litster and Mayor Mashburn

NAYS: Council Member Luevanos

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

8B. Consideration of proposed revisions to the terms and conditions to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Simi Valley Police Managers' Association (Argabrite) (CC)

ACTION: Council Member Judge moved to Consider the proposed revisions to the terms and conditions of the MOU with the Police Management employees as presented and give the public an opportunity to provide input prior to making a final determination on the proposed revised MOU as presented and give the public an opportunity to provide input prior to making a final determination on the MOU and Place this matter on the agenda for February 28, 2022, for final determination on the proposed MOU. Mayor Pro Tem Litster seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members Luevanos, Cavanaugh, Judge, Mayor Pro Tem Litster and Mayor Mashburn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. REPORTS:

9A. City Council/Board Member/Trustees/Special District Member Reports:

Council Member Luevanos reported she attended the Affordable Housing Subcommittee meeting, the Clean Power Alliance meeting, and the Los Angeles Regional Water Board meeting.

Council Member Judge reported he attended the Affordable Housing Subcommittee meeting, met with a Simi Valley resident regarding a building upgrade, attended the ribbon cutting for Forever Found at their new location in Wood Ranch, and attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council meeting. He reported he attended two Simi Valley Education Foundation Teacher of

the Month awards, the Ventura County Transportation Committee meeting, the Task Force on Homelessness, and the Council On Aging Committee meeting.

Council Member Cavanaugh reported she attended the premier of a new film called *Wake Up*, about human trafficking that was sponsored by the Simi Valley Soroptimist Club. She also reported she attended the Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) Executive Board meeting, and the Ventura County Animal Services quarterly meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Litster reported she attended the Chamber of Commerce Legislative meeting. She reported she attended the premier of a new film called *Wake Up*, about human trafficking that was sponsored by the Simi Valley Soroptimist Club and noted that the Simi Valley Police Chief and Deputy Chief were also in attendance and spoke. Mayor Pro Tem Litster reported she attended a ribbon cutting for Forever Found at their new location in Wood Ranch, the Youth Council meeting, the SCAG Joint Policy Committee meeting, two Simi Valley Education Foundation Teacher of the Month awards, and President Reagan's birthday celebration at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Mayor Mashburn commented about the extension of the contract with RDP- 21 (Regional Defense Partnership for the 21st Century), and reported he met with Jennifer Swenson, the Director of Adventist Health Simi Valley Hospital on general issues.

9B. City Council/Board Member/Special District Member Requests for Future City Council Agenda Items:

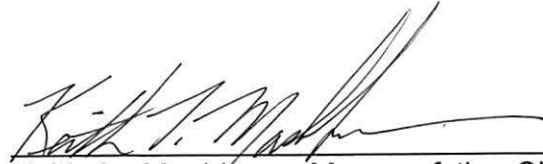
Council Member Luevanos requested an item to discuss forming a "Truth and Reconciliation Committee. City Manager Gabler stated that staff would research and provide a memo with more information to Council boxes.

Council Member Luevanos requested an item to reevaluate the City's bus system. City Manager Gabler stated that in 2018 the City did an extensive short-range transit plan that evaluated the entire bus system where public input was included. He also stated that an "Unmet Needs" analysis through County of Ventura is done annually that includes public input. He stated that staff will make sure that this information is available on the City's website.

Mayor Mashburn requested an item to consider a discussion regarding the hybrid meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Litster seconded the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Litster requested a quarterly meeting with two elected officials from the Simi Valley Board of Education and Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District. Council Member Luevanos seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mashburn adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. in the memory of Linda Martins Mann, Jessica Freeman, Isabell Mary (Grinstead) Ness, Bruce Strathearn, and Catherine Mezzini to the meeting of February 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. There being no objections, the motion carried through acclamation.



Keith L. Mashburn, Mayor of the City of Simi Valley, California



Lucy Blanco, City Clerk