

**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Victor Farfan, Mayor Pro Tem
Dandy De Paula, Council Member
Luis Roa, Council Member
Ernie Vargas, Council Member



**Maria Teresa Del
Rio, Mayor**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM**

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager
Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney
Pablo Rubio, City Clerk

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:04 PM.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Pastor Dr. Reginald Lawrence, Church of Deliverance International.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Vickie Rott.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

**Mayor Del Rio
Mayor Pro Tem Farfan
Councilmember Roa
Councilmember De Paula
Councilmember Vargas**

ABSENT

None

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk, announced a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - GENERAL OR ITEMS ON OR OFF THE AGENDA

Axzel Roman, Hawaiian Gardens resident, spoke.

Francisco Noyola, Hawaiian Gardens resident, spoke.

Hank Trimble, Hawaiian Gardens resident, spoke.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

1. PROCLAMATION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOE BARRIOS

Councilmember Vargas presented the proclamation.

Joey Zermeno spoke.

Vickie Rott spoke.

Ralph Rodriguez Nunez spoke.

Gilbert Castaneda spoke.

Joe Barrios nephew spoke.

Julie Chavez spoke.

Hank Trimble spoke.

Mayor Del Rio declared a recess at 7:08 PM.

Mayor Del Rio called the meeting back to order at 7:18 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION FOR THE MAYOR'S YOUTH WALK OF ACHIEVEMENT RECIPIENTS

Mayor Del Rio presented awards to the Mayor's Youth Walk of Achievement recipients.

2. PRESENTATION BY ANJELIQUE GRANADOS, COMMUNITY LIBRARY MANAGER, HAWAIIAN GARDENS LIBRARY

Anjelique Granados, Community Library Manager, spoke.

AGENDA ORGANIZATION

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to approve the Agenda Organization.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

A. PUBLIC HEARING(S) / HEARING(s)

1. Recommendation to conduct a public hearing, adopt Resolution No. 022-2023, ordering the levy,

and collection of assessments within the City of Hawaiian Gardens' Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. HGLLA1, Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

Neema Ghanbari, Public Works Manager, provided the staff report.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, seconded by Councilmember Roa, to approve recommendation and adopt Resolution No. 022-2023.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

2. Recommendation to conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 019-2023, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens, County of Los Angeles, State of California, authorizing the recording of liens against various real properties in the City of Hawaiian Gardens for delinquent rubbish collection charges due to Waste Resources, Inc.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

Linda Hollinsworth, Finance Director, provided the staff report.

Councilmember Vargas spoke.

Linda Hollinsworth, Finance Director, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, seconded by Councilmember Roa, to approve recommendation and adopt Resolution No. 019-2023.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA

That the City Council waive reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and declare that said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

2. Recommendation to conduct second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-610 entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens adopting by reference Title 32, Fire Code of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating the California Fire Code, 2022 Edition, with certain changes and amendments; Amending Chapter 15.20 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code; and finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act".

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

3. Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 020-2023, authorizing an amendment to the agreement for reimbursement for helicopter patrol services by and between the City of Hawaiian Gardens and the City of Lakewood – Sky Knight Program.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

4. Recommendation to receive and file Treasurer's Report for March and April 2023.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

5. Recommendation to receive and file warrants processed during the period of May 13 to June 2, 2023.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

6. Recommendation to approve the construction plans and specifications and authorize the Public Works Manager to advertise and seek public bids for the Pioneer Park Renovation, Project 105.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

7. Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 024-2023, to amend the Sister City Travel and Donation Policy.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

8. Recommendation to cancel the regular Public Housing Authority meeting and City Council meeting of Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

9. Recommendation to approve the minutes for the City Council meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023, and the Special Meeting of Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to adopt Consent Calendar as presented, in its entirety.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

C. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Recommendation to introduce Ordinance No. 2023-611, repealing and replacing Chapter 5.30 to Title 5 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code, imposing regulations on sidewalk vending in compliance with Senate Bill 946 and 972;

Declare that the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, as it is not a “project” and has no potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. 14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15378(a). Further, this Ordinance is exempt from CEQA as there is no possibility that this Ordinance or its implementation would have a significant negative effect on the environment. 14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3); and

Set Ordinance No. 2023-611 for adoption at the July 11, 2023 City Council meeting.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director, provided the staff report.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Mayor Del Rio spoke.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director, spoke.

Councilmember Vargas spoke

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Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

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Councilmember Roa spoke.

Councilmember Vargas spoke.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney, spoke.

Mayor Del Rio spoke.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director, spoke.

Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Elise McCaleb, Community Development Director, spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Mayor Del Rio spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, seconded by Councilmember De Paula, to approve recommendation.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

2. Recommendation to discuss a request by our Sister City of Venustiano Carranza, Michoacan, Mexico for a monetary donation; and consider authorizing a donation to complete the remodeling of restrooms at one of the local schools - Escuela Primaria Venustiano Carranza.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

Pablo Rubio, City Clerk, provided the staff report.

Councilmember Vargas spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Councilmember De Paula spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Vargas spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Mayor Pro Tem Farfan spoke.

Councilmember Vargas spoke.

Neema Ghanbari, Public Works Manager, spoke.

Councilmember De Paula spoke.

Mayor Del Rio spoke

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember De Paula, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to approve recommendation and authorize a \$9,000 monetary donation.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

3. Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 023-2023, identifying the Street Improvement Projects and adopting the list of projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 funded by SB 1: the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

Neema Ghanbari, Public Works Manager, provided the staff report.

Councilmember De Paula spoke

Neema Ghanbari, Public Works Manager, spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, seconded by Councilmember Roa, to approve recommendation and adopt Resolution No. 023-2023.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 4; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 1; De Paula

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 4–0–1–0

4. Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 021-2023, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens, County of Los Angeles, State of California, adopting a two year budget for the Fiscal Years of 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve Recommendation.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, presented the budget.

Linda Hollinsworth, Finance Director, continued budget presentation.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Linda Hollinsworth, Finance Director, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Linda Hollinsworth, Finance Director, spoke.

Joe Jimenez, Recreation and Community Services Director, spoke.

Councilmember De Paula spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

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Neema Ghanbari, Public Works Manager, spoke.

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Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Mayor Del Rio spoke.

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Councilmember Roa spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Mayor Pro Tem Farfan spoke

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Councilmember De Paula spoke.

Mayor Del Rio spoke

Councilmember Roa spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

Councilmember Vargas spoke

Mayor Del Rio spoke.

Ernesto Marquez, City Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Councilmember Roa, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farfan, to approve recommendation and adopt Resolution No. 021-2023.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5; Del Rio, Farfan, Roa, De Paula, Vargas

NOES: 0;

ABSENT: 0;

RECUSE: 0;

Motion carried: 5–0–0–0

D. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

There were no Committee Reports.

E. NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

F. ORAL STAFF REPORT(S)

Steve Gomez, Public Safety Director announced that City will host a gun buy back event on June 21, 2023, at the Public Safety Center.

G. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT(S)

There were no City Attorney Reports.

H. ORAL COUNCIL REPORT(S)

Councilmember Vargas reported that he attended the scholarship awards.

Councilmember De Paula reported that he attended the JPIA Academy for newly elected officials; and attended the SELACO job fair.

Mayor Pro Tem Farfan reported that he attended the Fedde and Artesia graduations; and thanked staff for the scholarship dinner.

Councilmember Roa reported that he attended the scholarship dinner.

Mayor Del Rio thanked staff for the remodeling of the Lee Ware game room.

Councilmember De Paula added that he and the Mayor attended the Public Safety neighborhood meeting.

I. CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:13 PM to the next City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM