



CITY OF WEST COVINA
COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

6:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

CORTEZ PARK COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER
NORTH WING
2501 E CORTEZ ST. WEST COVINA,
CALIFORNIA 91791

MINUTES

Commissioner Jen Gutierrez
Commissioner Carole Mullner
Commissioner Cecilia Munoz
Commissioner George Nguyen
Commissioner Herb Redholtz
Commissioner Robert Torres
Commissioner Betty Valles
Commissioner Alfred Williams
Commissioners Karim Zaklama

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADDRESSING THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Any person wishing to address the Commission on any matter listed on the agenda or on any other matter within their jurisdiction should complete a speaker card that is provided at the entrance to the Council Chambers and submit the card to the Commission Secretary

Please identify on the speaker card whether you are speaking on an agenda item or non-agenda. Requests to speak on agenda items will be heard prior to requests to speak on non-agenda items. All comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 P.M. by Susie Perez

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS by Susie Perez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER by Susie Perez

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Selection of Chair of the Community and Senior services Commission**

**Motion by Torres second by Valles, to nominate Redholtz to the seat of Chair.
Motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0, with 2 absent.**

AYES: Gutierrez, Munoz, Redholtz, Torres, Valles, Williams and Zaklama.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mullner & Nugyen

ABSTAIN: None.

2) **Selection of Vice Chair of the Community and Senior services Commission**

**Motion by Redholtz second by Munoz, to nominate Torres to the seat of Vice Chair.
Motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0, with 2 absent.**

AYES: Gutierrez, Munoz, Redholtz, Torres, Valles, Williams and Zaklama

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mullner & Nugyen

ABSTAIN: None

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Jen Gutierrez – Present.

Commissioner Carole Mullner – Absent (excused).

Commissioner Cecilia Munoz – Present.

Commissioner George Nguyen - Present (arrived at 6:09 p.m.).

Commissioner Herb Redholtz – Present.

Commissioner Robert Torres – Present.

Commissioner Betty Valles – Present.

Commissioner Alfred Williams – Present.

Commissioners Karim Zaklama – Present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - Three (3) minutes per speaker

Please state your name and city of residence for the record when recognized by the Commission Chair.

Speaker: Shelly Shen, **Discussion:** Residents concern regarding harassment, discrimination & hate crime in district 4.

Speaker: Gabriel Padua Rodriguez, **Discussion:** Residents concern regarding harassment, discrimination & hate crime in district 4.

Speaker: Emylon Kergel de Divs, **Discussion:** Residents concern regarding harassment, discrimination & hate crime in district 4.

Speaker: Peter Dien, **Discussion:** Residents concern regarding harassment and discrimination.

Speaker: Sophia Chavira, **Discussion:** Residents concern regarding harassment, discrimination & hate crime in district 4.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2020, Community and Senior Services Commission Meeting Minutes.
It is recommended that Commission approve the November 10, 2020, Community and Senior Services Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion By: Redholtz to approve as presented. All in favor, 8-0, 1 absent

AYES: Gutierrez, Munoz, Nugyen, Redholtz, Torres, Valles, Williams and Zaklama.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mullner.

ABSTAIN: None.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

4) Selection of Ad Hoc Committee Members

Community Development Block Grant Committee (4 Commissioners)

Motion By: Zaklama, **2nd by** Valles. **To appoint the following Commissioners to CDBG Committee:**

Commissioner Munoz.

Commissioner Gutierrez.

Commissioner Williams.

Commissioner Torres.

Motion carried by a vote of 8-0, with 1 absent.

AYES: Gutierrez, Munoz, Nugyen, Redholtz, Torres, Valles, Williams and Zaklama.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mullner.

ABSTAIN: None.

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) (4 Commissioners)

Motion By: Zaklama, **2nd by** Valles. **To appoint the following Commissioners to CIP Committee:**

Commissioner Munoz.

Commissioner Nguyen.

Commissioner Torres.

Commissioner Valles.

Motion carried by a vote of 8-0, with 1 absent.

AYES: Gutierrez, Munoz, Nugyen, Redholtz, Torres, Valles, Williams and Zaklama.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mullner.

ABSTAIN: None.

Homeless Sub Committee (4 Commissioners)

Motion By: Valles, 2nd by Gutierrez. **To appoint the following Commissioners to Homeless Committee:**

Commissioner Gutierrez.
Commissioner Nguyen.
Commissioner Redholtz.
Commissioner Valles.

Motion carried by a vote of 8-0, with 1 absent.

AYES: Gutierrez, Munoz, Nugyen, Redholtz, Torres, Valles, Williams and Zaklama.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mullner.

ABSTAIN: None.

5) Commissioners Handbook Review.

It is recommended that the Commission receive and file this document.

Document was received, reviewed, and filed.

6) Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) Funding & Future Projects Discussion - Public Services Superintendent, Mike Cresap.

It is recommended that the Commission direct staff on how they wish to precede.

Presented by Mike Cresap. Discussion was had on what the funds are, what they can be used for and if they are a reoccurring fund or a one-time funding source.

Further discussion with Commissioners, City Manager and city Staff was had on these processes.

7) Commissioner Zaklama request for report on Senior Services provided to Senior residents within the City as well as Senior Living facilities within the city limits. Presentation by Susie Perez, Community Services Manager.

It is recommended that the Commission receive and file this report.

Presented by Susie Perez. Discussion was had on what services are provided to our citizens in the senior community, future plans for services and how these services can be communicated to the senior community citywide.

Further discussion was had.

8) Facility Reports for November 2020 and December 2020.

It is recommended that the Commission receive and file these reports.

Document was received, reviewed, discussion was had, documents were filed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 9) **Measure A Funded Park Project Updates Presentation by Public Services Superintendent, Mike Cresap.**
It is recommended that Commission receive and file this report.

Presented by Mike Cresap. Discussion was had on what the funds are, what they can be used for, if they are a reoccurring fund or a one-time funding source and current or future projects to be processed using this funding source.

Further discussion with Commissioners, City Manager and city Staff was had on these processes.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Jen Gutierrez - No updates. Glad to be a part of the Commission and of service to the residents.

Commissioner Carole Mullner – Absent (excused).

Commissioner Cecilia Munoz – No updates. Glad to be a part of the Commission and of service to the residents.

Commissioner George Nguyen – Discussed the Dog Park and conditions that are of concern at this park. No further Updates. Glad to be a part of the Commission and of service to the residents.

Commissioner Herb Redholtz - No updates. Glad to be a part of the Commission and of service to the residents.

Commissioner Robert Torres – Discussed concerns of addressing human relations and human rights within the city, the CAHOOTS program that Eugene Oregon has implemented and how our city can implement this type of program to address homelessness needs within the community, possible forming of a separate commission to address racism concerns within the city.

Commissioner Betty Valles - No updates to report. Welcome to the new Commissioners.

Commissioner Alfred Williams - No updates to report. Welcome to the new Commissioners.

Commissioners Karim Zaklama- Updated on the services his company is providing along with the WCUSD to offer the students of the most venerable communities to do paid internship programs with local businesses communities. Also wanted to welcome the new Commissioners.

ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED

Commissioner Torres - Request a vote on holding a special meeting to discuss the CAHOOTS program and how the city can implement this program or something similar as well as discussion on racism within the city and how to address this as a commission.

Motion By: Torres, no 2nd by Williams Vote of 4-4, with 1 absent.

Motion failed due to lack of a majority vote.

AYES: Gutierrez, Munoz, Torres, Williams.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mullner.

ABSTAIN: Nguyen, Redholtz, Valles, Zaklama.

ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED (cont.)

Commissioner Torres – Request discussion on Cahoots program as well as discussion on racism within the city and how to address this as a commission.

Commissioner Redholtz – Request for an update on what is happening at Big League Dreams facility and the cities plan for this facility in the future.

Commissioner Nguyen – Request for update on the dog park and if any future plans to update this facility.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Daily 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - COVID-19 Testing Clinic at Cameron CommunityCenter at 1305 E Cameron Ave.**
- **Tuesday, March 09, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.**
- **Friday, March 12, 2021, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4315 N Vincent Ave, Covina, CA 91723. Order in advance and take out or stop by and place an order to go. (626) 960-6740. Website: <http://www.kofc-sgvchapter.org/>**
- **Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.**
- **Friday, March 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4315 N VincentAve, Covina, CA 91723. Order in advance and take out or stop by and place an order to go. (626) 960-6740. Website: <http://www.kofc-sgvchapter.org/>**
- **Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.**
- **March 25 through April 4, 2021 - West Covina Hipity Hoppity Easter City Tour Event. More information will be posted on the Cities website.**
- **Friday, March 26, 2021, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4315 N VincentAve, Covina, CA 91723. Order in advance and take out or stop by and place an order to go. (626) 960-6740. Website: <http://www.kofc-sgvchapter.org/>**
- **Saturday, March 27, 2021, 8:00 a.m. - God's Pantry & One & All Church Food Bank Distribution - *Registration required. Palmview park at 1304 E Puente Ave.***
- **Friday, April 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4315 N Vincent Ave,Covina, CA 91723. Order in advance and take out or stop by and place an order to go. (626) 960-6740. Website: <http://www.kofc-sgvchapter.org/>**
- **Saturday, April 3, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. (tentative) - Kiwanis Easter EggstravaganzaDrive-Thru Event, Cortez Park & Senior Center at 2501 E Cortez St.**
- **Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.**
- **Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.**
- **Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - Human Resources Commission Meeting - City Hall MRC Room #314.**
- **Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers**
- **Saturday, April 24, 2021, 8:00 a.m. - God's Pantry & One & All Church Food Bank Distribution - *Registration required. Palmview park at 1304 E Puente Ave.***
- **Saturday, April 24, 2021 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Free Electronic Waste Collection - City MaintenanceYard at 825 S Sunset Ave.**
- **Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.**
- **Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.**

ADJOURNMENT: at 8:35 p.m. Motion By: Redholtz, 2nd by Valles, Motion carried by a vote of 8-0, with 1 absent.

AYES: Gutierrez, Munoz, Nugyen, Redholtz, Torres, Valles, Williams and Zaklama.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mullner.

ABSTAIN: None.

2021 Community and Senior Services Commission Meetings

May 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

July 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

September 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

November 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.