



CITY OF WEST COVINA
COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021, 6:30 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

WEST COVINA
CITY HALL
1ST FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOM
1444 W GARVEY AVE
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91791

MINUTES

Chair Robert H. Torres
Vice Chair Carole Mullner
Commissioner Hector Diaz
Commissioner Sherry Fischer
Commissioner Jen Gutierrez
Commissioner Cecilia Munoz
Commissioner George Nguyen
Commissioner Betty Valles
Commissioner Alfred Williams
Commissioners Karim Zaklama

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ADDRESSING THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

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CALL TO ORDER by: Chair Torres at 6:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER: By Commissioner Torres.

ROLL CALL

- Commissioner Hector Diaz** – Present.
- Commissioner Sherry Fischer** – Present.
- Commissioner Jen Gutierrez** – Absent.
- Commissioner Carole Mullner** – Present.
- Commissioner Cecilia Munoz** – Present.
- Commissioner George Nguyen** – 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: Fredrick Sykes, Resident, Speaker: Peter Dien, Resident, Speaker: Gloria Gandara, Resident, Speaker: Mr. Robinson, Resident, and Speaker: Minerva Avila, Resident.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1) **May 11, 2021, Community and Senior Services Commission Meeting Minutes**

It is recommended that Commission approve the May 11, 2021, Community and Senior Services Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion By: Commissioner Mullner, 2nd by: Commissioner Valles, Motion carried by a vote of 7-0 with 2 abstaining and 1 absent.

AYES: Fisher, Mullner, Munoz, Nguyen, Torres, Valles, Williams.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Gutierrez.

ABSTAIN: Diaz and Zaklama.

NEW BUSINESS

CONTINUED BUSINESS

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Hector Diaz: Nothing to report this meeting.

Commissioner Sherry Fischer: Attended the Kiwanis stuff a bus (back to school) donation event that was a success.

Commissioner Jen Gutierrez: Absent.

Commissioner Carole Mullner: Attended the Smoresology grand opening that was a success and great event. The West Covina Historical Society Summer Fest will be on August 14, 2021, and Commissioner Mullner has been nominated as a volunteer of the year so that is exciting.

Commissioner Cecilia Munoz: Nothing to report this meeting.

Commissioner George Nguyen: Attended 2 of the Summer Concert series as well as the 4th of July event. Great events that bring the community together.

Commissioner Betty Valles: Nothing to report this meeting.

Commissioner Alfred Williams: Nothing to report this meeting.

Commissioners Karim Zaklama: West Covina Unified School District approved the partnership with local business' have started a work internship program for under privileged students to expose them to a life beyond what they believe might be in their future. This is privately funded program which offers scholarships and no cost to the business owners. There is also a housing portion of this program that assists with temporary to permanent housing for student and their families that are in need.

ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED

Chair Torres requested the following items to be agendized:

- Alternative uses for California Parkette
- Potential CSSCC Community Services Event
- Potential Senior Recognition/Spotlight Program
- Possible Community and Senior Services Outreach Enhancements
- Condition of Park Bathrooms and Potential Improvements

Commissioner Nguyen requested the following item to be agendized:

- Discussion about the status/condition of our bus stops.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday, July 31, 2021, 8:00 a.m.** - God's Pantry & One & All Church Food Bank Distribution - Registration required. Palmview park at 1304 E Puente Ave. Please register at: WWW.GODS-PANTRY.ORG
- **Saturday, July 31, 2021, 4:00 p.m.** – Summer Concert Series Finally – 2 Concerts, 1 Night – Rusty Dogs & The Wise Guys – West Covina City Hall Courtyard 1444 W Garvey Ave.
- **Tuesday, August 3, 2021** - National Night Out. Various locations throughout the city.
- **Saturday, August 7, 2021, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** – Tobacco-Free Partnership Covina/West Covina - Social Model Recovery System's Wellness & Prevention event – youth photovoice art gallery, smoke-free living prevention resources, music, games & more. – 223 E Rowland St, Covina, CA 91723.
- **Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m.** - City Council Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Saturday, August 14, 2021, 9:00 a.m.** - 1:00 p.m. - Free Electronic Waste Collection Round Up – City Maintenance Yard at 825 S Sunset Ave.
- **Saturday, August 14, 2021, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** – Historical Society of West Covina & The Tenant Foundation Presents Summer Fest – Hamilton's Steak House at 1211 E Garvey St. Covina, CA 91724. R.S.V.P. to Cathy at (626)664-3050.
- **Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.** - City Council Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.** - Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT By: Chair Torres at 8:20 p.m.

All in favor.

2021 Community and Senior Services Commission Meetings

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

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